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# Providing for daughter's marriage part of man's duty: SC

## Apex court also upholds grant of divorce to couple

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday said meeting the reasonable expenses of one's daughter's marriage was a natural extension of a father's duty, as it directed a man to pay Rs 10 lakh to his wife for the purpose while upholding the grant of divorce to the couple.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta found it was evident that the marital relationship that the parties entered into in 1996 had ceased to exist in substance, and even an attempt at mediation proved unsuccessful.

However, the bench said, "We are of the considered view that the respondent can and should contribute Rs 10 lakh for this purpose as meeting the reasonable expenses of his daughter's marriage is a natural extension of his duty as a parent, irrespective of differences with the spouse."

The court said there was no reason to interfere with the divorce decree granted by a family court in 2019, and affirmed by the Delhi High Court in 2023, given the long separation and irretrievable breakdown of the marriage.

The HC had affirmed the divorce order as the parties had been in constant acrimony since the inception of their marriage, leading the wife to repeatedly complain to the police.

The HC held that lodging false complaints amounted to cruelty. It also said the parties had lived separately since around 2009, with no attempt at reconciliation.

The wife, for her part, pressed the appeal only to the limited extent of payment of Rs 10 lakh towards the marriage expenses of their daughter, born in 1997.

The bench said, "It is clear that the litigation between the parties has been prolonged and acrimonious. Yet, the appellant-wife has been reasonable in limiting her claim." It also noted that she raised and supported both their children largely on her own.

### On 'father's duty'

"It is a father's duty to provide for his children, and meeting the marriage expenses of his daughter is a modest obligation," said the bench. The court upheld the decree of divorce, subject to the payment of money.

The couple got married in 1996, and a daughter and a son were born in 1997 and 1999.

The man first filed a plea for divorce in 2009. In separate proceedings, the wife also filed a plea under the Domestic Violence Act.

The man asked for DNA-testing of both the children, but his plea was dismissed, and he was asked to pay Rs 7 lakh to the wife, holding him guilty of domestic violence.

# SpiceJet plane loses wheel after take-off, lands safely

**MUMBAI, PTI:** In a major scare, a SpiceJet Q400 plane's wheel fell off after take-off from Kandla airport on Friday and the aircraft with 75 people onboard made an emergency landing at Mumbai airport, according to officials.

The aircraft landed safely at 3.51 pm and all passengers and crew are safe, Mumbai airport operator MIAL said.

Operations at the airport were briefly impacted.

"On September 12, an outer wheel of a SpiceJet Q400 aircraft operating from Kandla to Mumbai was found at the runway after take-off. The aircraft continued its journey to Mumbai and landed safely," the airline said in a statement.

One of the officials said that one rear right wheel of the aircraft was missing.

An Air Traffic Controller (ATC) at the Kandla airport informed the SpiceJet pilot that one of the wheels of the aircraft had fallen off after take-off, one of the officials said.

Subsequently, a full emergency was declared for the aircraft operating the flight SG2906.

"Fortunately, the aircraft's landing gear was retracting because of which it was able to land safely," the official said.

# Southwest monsoon to withdraw by September 15, says IMD

## Most parts of country get normal or excess rainfall

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

After weeks of heavy rain that triggered floods in Jammu and Punjab, the southwest monsoon is set to withdraw from northwest India by September 15.

"Conditions are becoming favourable for withdrawal of the southwest monsoon from some parts of west Rajasthan," the India Meteorological Department said here on Friday.

The monsoon was bountiful for northwest India this time, with states like Punjab getting showered with 53% more than their average rainfall since the beginning of the season on June 1. Delhi, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh too received way more than their average rainfall.

The Union Territory of Ladakh experienced 424% more than its cumulative average rainfall for the season, whereas it was 71% more in Rajasthan, triggering floods in the desert state.

Typically, the southwest monsoon begins to retreat by around Sept 17 and is withdrawn fully by mid-October.

This year, the rain-bearing system covered the entire country nine days before the usual date of July 8, after arriving at the Kerala coast by May 24 and galloped to cover half of India before the beginning of the season on June 1.

The country has received 836.2 mm of rainfall so far against a normal of 778.6 mm, a surplus of 7%. Northwest India has received 720.4 mm, 33% more than the normal of 538.1 mm.

While rainfall was largely normal or excess in most parts of the country, deficiency was seen in the east and northeast, with Bihar receiving 31% deficient rainfall, necessitating more use of irrigation water for paddy cultivation. The deficiency was large in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya.

June rainfall was 180 mm, around 9% above normal, with large surpluses in north-west and central India. July brought 294 mm of rainfall, 5% above normal, led by a 22% surplus in central India, whereas August added 268 mm, 5.2% above normal.

Rescue operations underway after incessant rain triggered a landslide in Gyalshing, Sikkim, on Friday. PTI

# Four of family killed, one injured in landslide in Sikkim

**GANGTOK, PTI:** Four members of a family were killed and another was critically injured after a landslide, triggered by incessant rain, struck their residence in Sikkim's Gyalshing district, police said on Friday.

They were asleep when the landslide smashed their house in the Upper Rimbi area around midnight, a senior officer said.

Gyalshing Superintendent of Police Tshering Sherpa said Sikkim Police and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) personnel and locals rushed to the spot and tried to rescue the family.

Three of the six family members were killed on the spot, while the two injured women were taken to the Gyalshing district hospital, where one succumbed to her injuries, the SP said.

A seven-year-old boy was found alive during the operation and taken to the hospital.

Despite incessant rain, the police and SSB personnel acted swiftly with support from the local community. "It has been a risky operation, but we have done our best to save lives. The operation is underway," said Sherpa.

He also expressed his gratitude to all who supported the operation.

# Jagdeep Chhokar: The relentless voice for electoral reforms

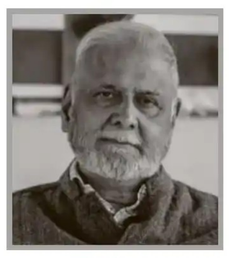
SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

For many, Jagdeep S Chhokar was the face Indian voters turned to when they sought to fight the political class, secure their votes and hold their representatives accountable.

He wore not just this, but many hats — academic, engineer, lawyer, writer, conservationist, birdwatcher — over the course of his 81 years of life, which came to an end at 4 am on Friday. His body was donated to Lady Hardinge Medical College in Delhi.

His steely reserve steered the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), which he co-founded in 1999 with his IIM-Ahmedabad colleague Trilochan Sastry and others, through an uncompromising fight for electoral reforms.

Whether it was the first battle to force candidates to submit affidavits disclosing their criminal antecedents and financial details, the campaign to scrap electoral bonds, the push for a mechanism to verify EVM votes or the petition against the Special Intensive Revision in Bihar, the struggle was relentless.



Jagdeep S Chhokar
(1944-2025)

Activists and former election commissioners attest to his enduring spirit. Former chief election commissioner SY Quraishi described him as a "crusader for clean elections and electoral reforms".

The ADR said, "To those who knew him, he was more than an advocate for clean politics, he was a generous mentor, an incisive thinker, and a warm friend. He was a fearless and honest, a lone but the loudest voice in the room. Colleagues, students, and those who worked alongside him remember him as patient yet persistent."

Chhokar graduated in Production and Mechanical Engineering in 1967, earned an MBA from Delhi University in 1977, a PhD from Louisiana University in 1983, and an LLB from Gujarat University in 2005. Along the way, he developed an interest in birdwatching and obtained a certificate in ornithology from the Bombay Natural History Society in 2001.

He began his career with Indian Railways as an engineer-manager. In the mid-1980s, he joined IIM-A on deputation and eventually resigned from the Railways in the 1990s.

In 1999, he fully embraced activism with a focus on electoral reforms. The nomination papers of candidates revealed minimal candidate details, prompting Chhokar and others — who would go on to form ADR — to petition the Delhi High Court. The court mandated sworn affidavits disclosing candidates' financial and criminal records.

His final battle was over the Bihar SIR. The plea is being heard in the SC, and the latest order offered hope to the petitioners, as the court asked the EC to accept Aadhaar as the 12th valid document, an argument Chhokar had championed from the outset.

# Jadavpur varsity student found unconscious on campus dies

**KOLKATA, PTI:** A female student of Jadavpur University (JU) was declared dead after being taken to a nearby hospital in an unconscious state, a university official said.

The third-year undergraduate student of English was found in an unconscious state on the side of a water body on the campus on Thursday evening, he said.

She was chatting with her classmates there, another university official said, adding that the circumstances surrounding the incident were unclear.

The student was rushed to a nearby private hospital by her friends and other varsity staff, but declared dead on arrival, the official said.

The university authorities did not divulge the name of the student.

University officials, faculty members and representatives of the Arts Faculty Students' Union also went to the hospital.

The incident comes two years after the death of a first-year Bengali honours student in the boys' hostel after falling from a balcony following alleged ragging by his seniors.

The incident triggered an uproar and led to the arrests of several students.

# BJP slams Bihar Congress' AI-generated video of mother 'chiding' PM Modi

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** An Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated video of the Prime Minister Narender Modi's mother Heeraben, posted on social media by handles of the Bihar Congress, has led to a furore, with several senior BJP leaders condemning it. The Bihar Congress later launched an inquiry into the matter.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said the Congress was "frustrated" after being "repeatedly rejected" by the public. "... Congress, with a distorted mentality, is now set on creating new records of baseness every day [sic]."

The video comes days after some workers — purportedly of the Congress and the RJD — were accused of hurling abuses at the PM during a rally.

The video shows Modi being chided by his mother in a dream. She is seen telling him that she was made to stand in a line during demonetisation, and he took a video of washing her feet in the name of politics.

"Now, in Bihar, you are using my name to win elections. How low will you fall?" her likeness is heard asking in the video.

Responding to the video, Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh said history had been a "witness" to Jawaharlal Nehru's relationship with Edwina Mountbatten. "History is witness that in the decisive moments of power, Nehru remained entangled more in the infatuation with Edwina Mountbatten than in the interest of the country. When India needed strong leadership, he kept surrendering repeatedly, bound by personal attachment. Personal relationships crushed national interests [sic]," he wrote on X.

BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Agrawal said the video was a "new low" in politics. "Modi has always kept politics separate from family life. It is painful that the Congress first abused the PM's mother and is now using deepfake technology to mislead the country and insult all mothers," he said.

# BJP-JD(U) bets big on women and poor to counter Rahul's yatra

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

In an effort to counter any disruption caused by the 'vote chori' yatra by Rahul Gandhi and Tejaswi Yadav, the BJP-JD(U) combine is going back to their traditional vote banks in Bihar — women and the poor.

Women have typically voted for both Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in the state and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in general. Now, with elections looming, the ruling coalition is rolling out a slew of schemes set to benefit over 1.75 crore poor people.

The party has identified over 1.75 crore ration card holders affected by poverty and is offering them soft loans of Rs 2 lakh without any collateral.

"The scheme will be routed through women in each household, who will provide livelihood for their families. All they need to do is fill out a form and submit an application. Through the Jeevika bureaus, we will immediately disburse an initial amount of Rs 10,000," said Bihar BJP leader and Lok Sabha chief whip Sanjay Jaiswal.

A corpus of Rs 2,000 crore has been set aside for the initiative, he added. The same 1.75 crore beneficiaries have also been put under the Ayushman Bharat health scheme.

### Education benefits

Women have long been a crucial voter base for the BJP-JD(U) alliance. In addition to the soft-loan scheme, the coalition is also targeting young women with a dedicated education-linked benefit. Under this initiative, school and college-going girls are eligible for benefits worth Rs 54,000, beginning from Class 10. A sum of Rs 25,000 is awarded upon clearing Class 10, followed by Rs 27,000 upon graduation.

"Our focus is to ensure that one woman in every family becomes not just self-reliant, but also helps other members earn money," said Jaiswal. He added that the scheme is expected to provide livelihoods to one crore people.

The BJP is also eyeing a chunk of the Dalit-OBC vote in Bihar. "Since 2005, the maximum number of seats the RJD has won in the 243-member Assembly is 80, or 32.5%, while the Congress has never crossed 24. In the last term, out of the six reserved seats in the state, the RJD managed to win only one. So, we don't expect them to outperform their previous best this time," said a senior party spokesperson.

# SC seeks ECI response on plea to regulate political parties

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice on a plea for the Election Commission to frame rules for registration and regulation of political parties to promote secularism, transparency, and political justice.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi decided to entertain the matter but asked petitioner advocate Ashwini Upadhyay to implead the registered national political parties in the petition.

Taking up the plea, the bench told the petitioner, "They (political parties) will say that you're asking something to regulate them and they were not here".

After hearing submissions from Upadhyay, the bench issued notice to the Centre, EC and the Law Commission of India on the plea.

The plea submitted that the move to regulate political parties within the ambit of the Constitution would pave the way for robust democratic functioning.

The plea, citing media report, contended that facts constituting the cause of action accrued in July, when the Income Tax department raided offices of two political parties and found the details of Rs 500 crore black money. The plea said both political parties were formed to take donations in cash through hawala and to return money through cheque after deducting a 20% commission.

It contended that injury to the citizens is large because around 90% of political parties are formed to convert black money into white, and they never contest elections but collect thousands of crores in cash and refund it to the donator by cheque after deducting a 20% commission.

The plea contended that the "bogus political parties" not only posed a serious threat to democracy but also maligned the country by appointing hardcore criminals, kidnappers, drug smugglers, and money launderers as national and state office bearers after taking huge amounts of money from them.

"There are no rules and regulations for political parties. Therefore, many separatists have formed their political party to collect donations. Some office bearers of these parties have succeeded in getting police protection also," the plea said.

# PM Modi's visit to Manipur no big deal, vote theft main issue now: Rahul

SATISH JHA
AHMEDABAD, DHNS

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Manipur, where ethnic conflicts have been going on for two years, is not a "big deal" and said that "vote chori" (vote theft) is the main issue in the country today.

Gandhi said this while talking to reporters outside Keshod airport in Junagadh, where he landed to participate in the 10-day training camp organised by the party for district and city presidents appointed recently. The event is part of Congress's "Sangathan Srujan Abhiyan" in Gujarat to revive the party ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls.

When reporters asked about his opinion on PM Modi visiting Manipur, the leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said, "In Manipur, the issue has been going on for a very long time... It's not a big deal if he (PM) is going now. The main issue in the country is of vote chori (vote theft)... they stole the elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, which we have exposed in Karnataka... everywhere people are saying the same thing—vote chor."

Rahul Gandhi interacts with the party leaders at a training camp in Junagadh. PTI

> **RAHUL GANDHI**
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Modi will visit Manipur on September 13. This will be his first visit to Manipur since ethnic violence broke out in the state two years ago.

While addressing the district and city unit presidents of the party, Rahul invoked the epic battle of the Mahabharata and sought to project BJP and RSS leaders as the Kauravas, who symbolised unrighteousness and deceit, and Congress cadres as the virtuous Pandavas who eventually emerged victorious, overcoming the numerical advantage of their rivals.

Congress Seva Dal chief Lalji Desai, who also attended the session, briefed the media and said that Rahul urged party cadres not to deviate from key issues. "He said party workers must not deviate from main issues. We are actually fighting people's battle. Rahulji told us that one day, with the support of people, Congress workers can compel these vote thieves to vacate the throne."

Since Wednesday, when the camp was inaugurated, at least nine Congress chiefs are reported to have been warned against indiscipline. Sources said that they have been asked to work hard or face consequences.

(*With PTI inputs*)

# 'Govt to offer incentive for local rare earth magnet production'

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** The government is preparing fiscal incentives to encourage domestic production of rare earth magnets in the face of recent disruptions caused in their supply, currently dominated by China, Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Friday.

Kumaraswamy

The minister for Heavy Industries and Steel also said a scheme is in the works to provide "targeted support" to the industry for its capital as well as operational expenditure, which would help bridge cost gaps, offer relief from high tariffs on key equipment and ensure continuity of supply in the face of rising global restrictions.

"The ministry is actively addressing vulnerabilities in critical raw materials. Recognising that rare earth magnets are central to EV motors and currently dominated by Chinese supply, we are preparing fiscal incentives to encourage domestic production.

"We are working on a scheme aimed at powering India's participation in global value chains through targeted support for both capital expenditure and operational expenditure requirements of the industry. This will help bridge cost gaps, offer tariff relief on key equipment and ensure continuity of supply in the face of rising global restrictions," Kumaraswamy said in a video message at ACMA's annual session.

In July, the minister had said that inter-ministerial consultations were underway for a Rs 1,345-crore scheme to subsidise production of rare earth magnets in India with two select manufacturers proposed to be given incentives.

The subsidy will facilitate investment for establishing processing facilities for companies to convert rare earth oxides into magnets. Indian Rare Earth Magnets Ltd, a PSU under Ministry of Atomic Energy, is the sole repository of rare earths in India.

China's recent restriction on exports of key metals caused widespread disruption in the manufacturing of automobiles and semiconductor chips in several countries, including India.

# 2 Naxals gunned down in Ch'garh

**BIJAPUR, PTI:** Two Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Friday, the police said.

The gun battle took place in the morning in a forest of the south-west region of the district, bordering Telangana, when a team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation, a police official said.

After the exchange of fire stopped, the bodies of two Naxalites, weapons, including a .303 rifle, and explosives were recovered from the encounter site, he said.

The operation is still underway, and more details will be shared once it is over, he added.

On Thursday, ten Naxalites, including Central Committee Member of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) Modem Balakrishna, were killed in an encounter in the state's Gariaband district.

With the latest encounter, 243 Naxalites have been killed in Chhattisgarh so far this year. Of them, 214 were eliminated in the Bastar division, comprising seven districts, while 27 others were gunned down in Gariaband, which is a part of the Raipur division.

## K'taka-origin man beheaded in US

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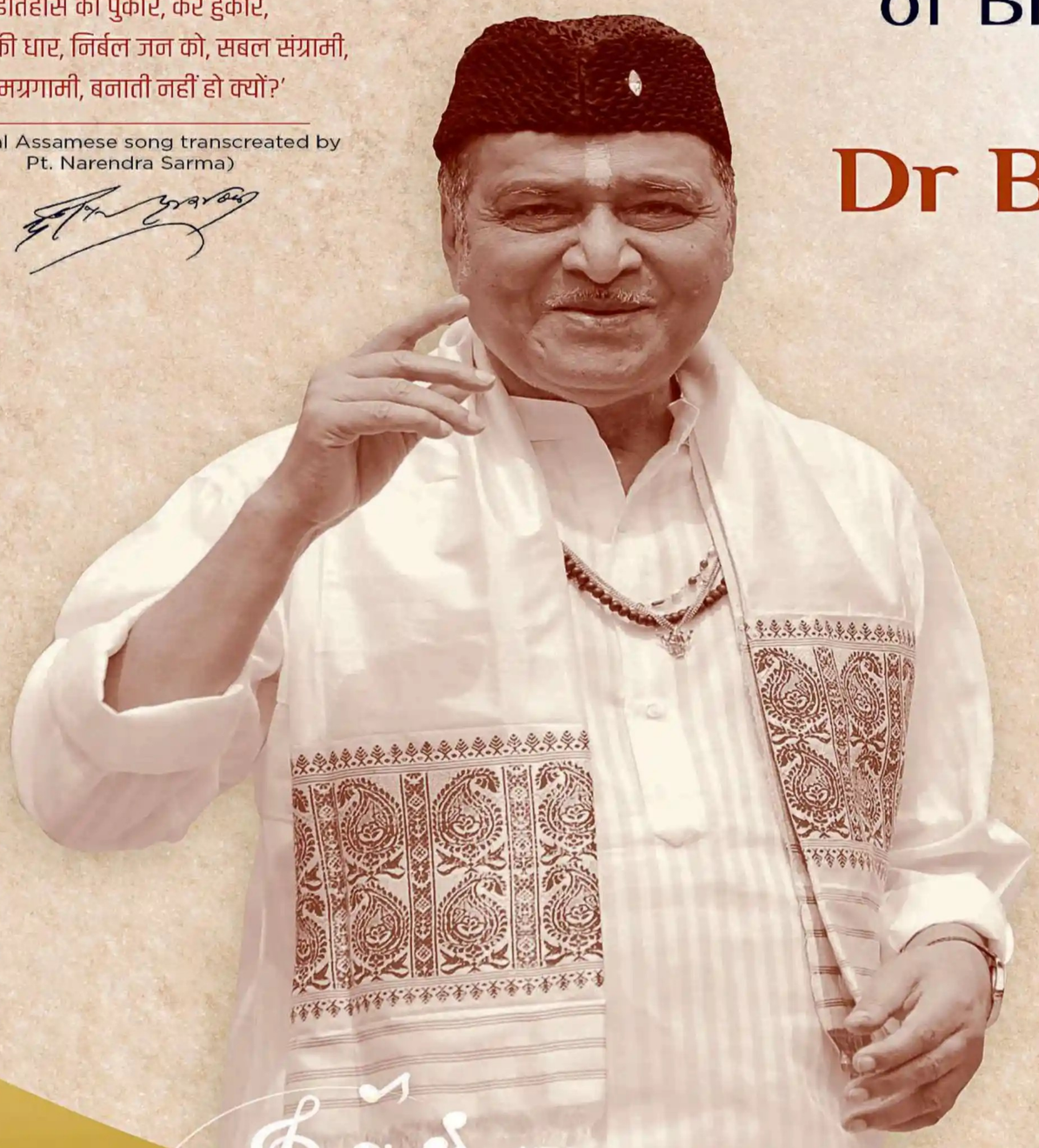

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### SOME TOLLED ROADS INSIDE VARIOUS CITIES

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- **DND Flyway** (Delhi-Noida Direct Flyway)
- Built by **Noida Toll Bridge Company Ltd. (NTBCL)**, promoted by IL&FS under a BOOT (Build-Own-Operate-Transfer) model.
- Operated & maintained by **NTBCL** (Toll collection has been scrapped per Supreme Court ruling in 2024)

**Mumbai**
- **Bandra–Worli Sea Link** (Rajiv Gandhi Sea Link)
- Commissioned/built by **Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC)**; construction by Hindustan Construction Company (HCC)
- Managed / maintained by **MSRDC**

**Ahmedabad**
- **Sardar Patel Ring Road** (SP Ring Road)
- **Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA)** built it; concession/toll operations by Ahmedabad Ring Road Infrastructure Limited (ARRIL) (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sadbhav Infrastructure Projects)
- Managed / Toll operations: **ARRIL**; AUDA has oversight & recently decided to take over toll collection from 2027 on a revised model.

**Bengaluru**
- **NICE Road** (Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Expressway)
- Developed by **Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises Ltd. (NICE)** under PPP / BOOT frameworks.
- Operated/maintained by **NICE** (or its operating entity)

**Hyderabad**
- **P. V. Narasimha Rao Expressway** (Airport expressway, Mehdipatnam - RGIA)
- Built by **Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA)** / associated government authority.
- Maintained/managed by **HMDA** and related agencies.

# Speed vs sustainability: A transit trap?

## Car-centric roads contradict the city's climate and sustainability goals, but the government argues they can cut emissions via smoother traffic, say experts

**SHREE D N**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru is building 50 kilometres of urban tunnel roads and 110 kilometres of elevated corridors to cut travel time and ease congestion. Reports indicate that B-SMILE has already proposed a toll of Rs 19 per km for the 16.5-km Hebbal-Silk Board tunnel road, which would cost a one-way trip close to Rs 300 in toll.

Experts and activists have questioned the tunnels and elevated roads approach, and the rationale behind building tolled roads inside the city that would be used only by private vehicles and not by the public.

Citizen activists say the tunnel may not significantly ease congestion, citing the traffic snarls below existing flyovers as examples. Krishna Raj, a professor at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, who has also worked on many related projects, says such projects may not be viable in the long run.

"How many people will use the tunnel or elevated roads? Does the government have any numbers based on surveys? How many buses will be allowed?" he asks.

The government seems to have taken into account the number of registered private vehicles in the city, totalling close to 23 lakh. Citizens say no one has actually looked into whether all those vehicles are commuting on the roads every day, and whether all vehicles are still in Bengaluru—people often move from cities along with their cars. Some vehicles would have been scrapped. No one has concrete data on the number of cars that get onto Bengaluru's roads every day.

The first road to be tolled in the Bengaluru vicinity was NICE Road, a peripheral road that connects various roads going out of the city. Krishna Raj says that the two cannot be compared. "NICE road also carries the peripheral traffic, including cargo and long-distance vehicles, to avoid getting into the city. These roads will be meant for city users. Tunnel or elevated roads can never be a solution to ease the traffic," he adds.

NICE Road, a tolled road, connects the traffic between various roads going out from the city. DH FILE PHOTO

### Who is allowed?

A note sent by Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar in response to *DH*'s questions sheds some light on the government's approach to the overall project of decongesting Bengaluru with elevated and tunnel roads.

The note calls the tunnels not a standalone project, but a part of a balanced mobility strategy involving metro, suburban rail, and bus fleets, while using tolled infrastructure to decongest roads, reduce fuel wastage, and ensure productivity.

Currently, cars, buses, autos, bikes, and cycles compete for limited road space. If the tunnels divert even 40% of the trunk route's traffic—primarily cars and some buses—it directly reduces the load on surface roads, says the note.

"The tunnel project is far from elitist. Directly, the tunnel serves four-wheelers and buses, offering them an efficient, convenient alternative to existing surface roads. Cyclists and motorbikers, often from lower-income groups, rely on surface roads and face delays due to heavy traffic. A less congested road network improves their travel times and safety. Reduced traffic at grade allows autos and public buses to operate more efficiently, benefiting middle- and lower-income commuters," says the note.

The Electronics City Expressway is tolled, and carries traffic out of Bengaluru, to Hosur and beyond. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Cars, taxis, and buses will be allowed inside the tunnel. A bus running through the tunnel replaces dozens of private cars. However, two-wheelers will not be allowed in the tunnel to ensure their safety, considering the enclosed tunnel environment and the associated higher risks.

The note adds: "When private traffic shifts to faster roads, the freed-up surface spaces can be redeveloped to enhance pedestrian facilities, local road safety, and community spaces. Removing heavy and long-haul traffic from surface roads enables safer, more accessible, and more pleasant roads and urban environments for everyone, including residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and smaller vehicles, according to the note."

Even though metro trains are faster, the city cannot have them for every nook and corner. To speed up public transport, like buses, the road infrastructure needs to be augmented. Initiatives like tunnels, underpasses, elevated corridors, etc., on busy routes help ease traffic and speed up public transport, argues the note.

"The question of how many buses will use the tunnel road is an evolving operational detail to be finalised in coordination with BMTC, BMRCL, and BMLTA. The DPRs provide the framework, and the final deployment will ensure that buses are a core beneficiary of the tunnel road, making the project boost the public transport efficiency in the city," says the note.

"Bengaluru has one of the highest per capita vehicle ownership rates in India, highlighting a clear preference or necessity among citizens for private transportation options due to convenience, end-to-end connectivity, or specific personal requirements," says the note.

Most roads in the city, incldiuing the newly inaugurated remodelled Hebbal Flyover, are congested. DH FILE PHOTO

However, experts remain sceptical. "In future, there may come a time when people who need to go out may be reduced. Or more people would shift to public transport. What happens to the infrastructure then?" asks an expert.

"If the city succeeds in shifting more people to the metro and buses in future, the tunnel road will still not be a wasted investment. It can serve as a high-reliability corridor for buses, emergency services, and commercial vehicles. Internationally, many cities have repurposed toll infrastructure for electric buses or public shared transport. Bengaluru can do the same," the note adds.

The note says this vision, pursued with consistency and coordination, will transform Bengaluru from being a city known for its traffic jams to one that is celebrated for its smart, sustainable, and commuter-friendly mobility system.

### The question of funding

To a question on the funding of the tolled elevated and tunnel roads, the note provides limited details. "For the North-South Tunnel, the Modified BOOT (Build–Own–Operate–Transfer) model of PPP provides the most practical solution for development. The government will provide 40% of the estimated cost of the project, and private investors will bring in the remaining capital. A variable concession period ensures that the government's interests are protected, and the private developer does not make super-normal profits."

"The RFP for the North-South tunnel is floated and currently active. During the pre-bid meeting, the response from prospective private players was encouraging," says the note.

"The introduction of user charges (tolls) is a strategic decision. Unlike urban infrastructure projects in other cities, such as Mumbai, which frequently use the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) mode and rely entirely on taxpayer money, our approach ensures that the financial burden rests primarily with the tunnel's users, and not the public," the note explains.

However, experts disagree. "There will be indirect costs to the public even though the project is funded through loans. Buses need to be at grade for people to get in and out of them. A bus that runs inside the tunnel cannot be intercity; it has to be long-distance or connecting two distant points inside the city, for which there will already be solutions through the expanding network of metro trains. So the argument that buses will use tunnel roads is flawed," says an expert, preferring anonymity.

According to Krishna Raj, one of the solutions is to make public transport affordable or free. "In Australia's Melbourne, people hop in and out of buses for free, which makes them use public transport. This was tried here on Independence Day of 2022, and more people used buses. The Shakti scheme that provides free buses has also proved to be a game-changer," he says. However, the buses that use toll roads will cost more due to the tolls.

### The climate angle

The expert says building roads for cars is in contradiction to the climate plans the city has. Increased cars mean increased vehicular pollution and fuel consumption, and more greenhouse gases. This is anti-environment. Boring of tunnels for the metro took years to complete. No one knows how long this project will take and what the impact of delays will be," he says.

Apparently, the government has thought about the climate dimension.

"Public transport capacity has limits. Bengaluru still generates excess car and freight traffic that cannot simply vanish. The tunnel ensures that this residual demand is managed efficiently—by removing bottlenecks, reducing idling, and lowering emissions that come from stop-and-go traffic at choke points like Silk Board and Hebbal. The smooth traffic movement cuts emissions per vehicle, even if total volumes remain steady," says the note, focusing on the pollution and climate angle.

"Underground tunnelling significantly limits environmental impact. Unlike surface expansions, it avoids tree-cutting and the destruction of green spaces, critical issues in Bengaluru's ongoing battle to preserve its ecological balance. Risks such as groundwater disruption are carefully assessed and addressed through appropriate engineering solutions by experienced contractors," says the note.

According to the note, the tunnel project offers significant and wide-ranging benefits, providing an equitable, environmentally responsible, and socially inclusive solution that enhances urban mobility in Bengaluru while safeguarding the city's cultural, ecological, and social fabric.

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## METRO

### Cantt green zone declared city's new biodiversity heritage site

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Karnataka Biodiversity Board has declared the 8.61-acre railway colony green zone near the Cantonment Railway Station as a biodiversity heritage site, following overwhelming public support.

The land, owned by the Indian Railways, houses 371 old trees of 50 species. It had earlier been leased to a private company for 60 years for a commercial project, triggering protests from activists who warned of large-scale tree felling.

The government later sought public opinion on declaring the zone a heritage site. Nearly 15,000 people supported the proposal, while only two opposed it.

Announcing the decision after chairing the board meeting, Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre said the site's value extended beyond carbon sequestration. "It is not only the environmental value of the green zone amid rapid urbanisation of Bengaluru, but is important culturally and aesthetically," he said in the order.

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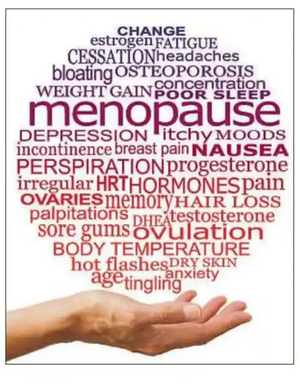
# Early menopause: Docs for hormone therapy to protect women's bone health

## Solution comes with cancer & cardio risks, says doctor

**AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR**
BENGALURU, DHNS




With thousands of women hitting menopause earlier than expected, often in their mid-40s, doctors are increasingly recommending Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) to manage bone density issues such as osteoporosis and osteoarthritis.

In India, pills, gels, or patches with estrogen are commonly prescribed, along with micronised progesterone. The therapy helps offset bone loss triggered by the decline in estrogen after menopause, while also easing hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, weight gain, and joint aches.

Dr Sapna Rain, Clinical Lead, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, said, "We are witnessing a steady rise in osteoporosis and osteoarthritis cases in women. Low dietary calcium, Vitamin D deficiency, and sedentary lifestyles worsen the risk."

After menopause, women can lose up to 20% of their bone mass within five to seven years if untreated, she added.

Doctors usually consider 51–53 as the average age for menopause. But in the past decade, more women are attaining it in their mid-40s, and in some cases before 40, which is termed pre-menopause or perimenopause.

"HRT is given to women who attain menopause early to maintain hormone levels similar to pre-menopause. For women under 40, the doses are higher. Screening for cancer is also done before therapy begins," said Dr Pramila Kalra, Consultant, Endocrinology Disorders.

### Risks of HRT

HRT comes with risks, including cancer, cardiovascular complications, and blood clots.

"In 2002, the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) study clearly showed risks in the form of cardiovascular issues, breast cancer, stroke and venous thromboembolism," said Dr A Sharda, Consultant (Endocrinology). "But the study also showed clear benefits in improving bone mass and reducing fractures."

Doctors opine cancer and cardiovascular complications remain the major risks.

"The risk of cardiovascular disease is higher if HRT is started more than 10 years after menopause. The type and duration of therapy directly influence cancer risk," said Dr Manohar Babu, an orthopaedician.

The therapy, whichever form it takes, cannot be stopped suddenly. For women nearing menopause and treated with low doses, doctors taper the dosage once symptoms subside.

"In some cases, liver problems were also diagnosed as side effects. Patients must be monitored periodically and report nausea or vomiting immediately," said Dr Pramila.

# Hypothyroidism & obesity linked to pregnancy loss: Experts

BENGALURU, DHNS

Infertility experts Dr Devika Gunasheela and Dr Abhay at the conference in the city on Friday. DH PHOTO/BK JANARDHAN

On the opening day of a two-day infertility conference organised by Gunasheela Fertility Centre, experts discussed ovulation induction, recurrent pregnancy loss, ultrasound in infertility, and genetics in fertility.

Infertility specialists identified hypothyroidism, obesity, smoking by both parents, and alcohol consumption as major causes of recurrent pregnancy loss.

Dr Abhay, infertility specialist and one of the presenters at the conference, said endocrine diseases are a frequent cause of pregnancy loss. "Though there is absence of strong evidence, treating obesity is important when no other cause is found for pregnancy loss," he added.

Doctors also stressed that regulating caffeine intake, managing stress and adjusting sleep schedules are important to prevent recurrent pregnancy losses.

Speaking on genetic factors, Dr Jayesh Amin discussed Inherited Thrombophilia, which increases the risk of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) — a condition where a blood clot forms in a vein—during the postpartum period.

Dr Devika Gunasheela told *DH*, "A lot of young women are losing fertility early, at 30 to 32 years. They are facing issues because of environmental issues and poor lifestyle habits."

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**Himalayan thunder**

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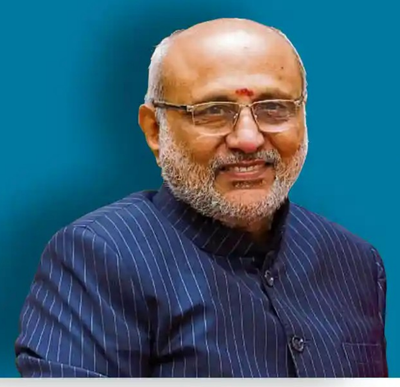

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The truck that ploughed into the Ganesha procession.

## Truck ploughs into Hassan Ganesha procession, 8 killed

**HASSAN, DHNS:** At least eight people were killed and several others injured when a goods vehicle rammed into a Ganesha idol procession at Mosale Hosahalli in Hassan taluk on Friday night.

The condition of five people is said to be critical. The Ganesha idol immersion procession was being taken out on National Highway 373 around 8.30 pm.

It is said that the truck was plying on the highway when a motorbike suddenly came in front of it. In order to avoid hitting the motorbike, the truck driver crashed into the road median and ploughed into the procession.

Eight people have died in the mishap and 25 people injured, confirmed District in-charge Minister Krishna Byre Gowda.

While 18 people were being treated at Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences in Hassan, seven others are undergoing treatment at private hospitals.

MP Shreyas Patel and MLA H D Revanna visited the spot.

Byre Gowda announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to each of the deceased's families. Their medical expenses will be borne by the government, he stated.

Expressing grief, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H D Kumaraswamy said: "I was deeply shocked to hear the news of a horrific accident during the Ganapati immersion procession in Mosale Hosahalli of Hassan."

# Nepal gets first woman PM

## Ex-CJ Sushila Karki to head interim govt; parl dissolved; new elections in March

KATHMANDU, AGENCIES

Nepal's president administers the oath of office to Sushila Karki as PM, in Kathmandu, on Friday. PTI

**NEW CHAPTER**

- Karki was Nepal's first woman CJ
- Born in 1952, she earned degrees in political science in India (BHU) & in law in Kathmandu
- Her appointment comes after intense negotiations between President, army chief and Gen Z protesters
- Young activists had used the online app Discord to make their choice

Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki took oath as Nepal's first woman prime minister on Friday night, ending days of political uncertainty after the abrupt resignation of prime minister K P Sharma Oli earlier this week following wide-spread protests.

Subsequently, President Ramchandra Paudel dissolved the Himalayan nation's parliament based on the recommendation of the new PM.

According to the president's office, fresh parliament elections will be held in March next year.

"On the recommendation of the prime minister, the parliament has been dissolved. The election date is March 5, 2026," Kiran Pokharel, press advisor to the president, said.

Earlier, Paudel administered the oath of office to Karki, 73, at the president's office.

Karki, dressed in a sari, took the oath but did not make a further speech. She smiled and bowed with her hands pressed together repeatedly in traditional greetings.

"Congratulations! We wish you success, wish the country success," Paudel said to Karki after the swearing-in ceremony, which was broadcast on state television.

Besides the president and the newly elected prime minister, Vice President Ram Sahay Yadav and Chief Justice Prakash Man Singh Rawat were present during the occasion.

Though Oli resigned Tuesday, Paudel did not. His role as president constitutionally is to confirm the leader of any government.

Karki was chosen to lead the interim government after a meeting between Paudel, Nepal's top military brass, and the Gen Z protesters, who spearheaded the anti-government agitation.

Karki has a reputation for standing up to corrupt elements. She also has campaigned for gender rights and been an inspiration for a growing cohort of young female lawyers and judges.

# 2 yrs after Meitei-Kuki conflict, PM to land in Manipur today

## Will also visit Mizoram, Assam; launch new projects

SUMIR KARMAKAR
IMPHAL/CHURACHANDPUR, DHNS

More than two years after the conflict involving the Meitei and Kuki communities erupted claiming 259 lives and after repeated pleas by the people and demand by the Opposition parties, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will finally visit Manipur on Saturday.

Modi will meet representatives of those displaced and will address public meetings: first in the Kuki-dominated Churachandpur and later in the Meitei-dominated state capital Imphal. The PM will lay foundation stones or inaugurate projects worth Rs 8,547 crore for Manipur.

BJP leader Sambit Patra on Friday said in Imphal that the PM's chopper will land at Churachandpur at 11.30 am.

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Can PM show path to peace? Spotlight, Page 9

**LOOK NORTHEAST**

- In Manipur, PM to lay the foundation stones of projects worth Rs 7,344 crore from Churachandpur
- To inaugurate projects worth Rs 1,203 cr from Imphal
- In Mizoram, PM to launch Bhairabi-Sairang railway line
- In Assam, PM will address the birth centenary celebrations of music maestro Bhupen Hazarika

## War stories from an Indian in Ukraine

### A medical professional brings you a first-hand account of life in Kyiv

Dr U P R Menon had been in Ukraine for four decades when the simmering tensions with Russia came to a head on February 24, 2022.

His once peaceful city, Kyiv, was suddenly crawling with military tanks and soldiers. It has been over three years since, with no signs of the tensions abating. Just last Sunday, Russia launched its biggest air strike on Ukraine since the war began.

Soon after the war broke out, Menon fled Kyiv and took refuge in a town near the Polish border. Eventually, he returned to the capital and got busy with relief work.

His family has grown used to the air raid sirens. They manage to seize some moments of normalcy, cooking traditional Kerala food and watching Liverpool matches on television.

Originally from Ernakulam, Kerala, Menon sees Ukraine as his second homeland.

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The SATURDAY STORY

## SC: Can't have cracker policy only for Delhi

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday asked why anti-pollution measures like the ban on crackers were limited to Delhi alone, emphasising the need for clean air for every citizen across the country.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran said that if the cities of Delhi-NCR have the right to clean air, then why don't the people of other cities? The CJI emphasised that if a policy is to be made, then it has to be made on a pan-India basis.

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## Converts must identify as Christians, says CM

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Taking a stand on religious conversions, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said those who have converted to Christianity should identify themselves as 'Christians' and refrain from using the name of their original Hindu caste.

The remarks came ahead of the crucial Social & Educational Survey, which starts on September 22.

The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, which is conducting the survey, has listed at least 32 castes that contain dual identities like 'Kuruba Christian', 'Brahmin Christian', 'Vokkaliga Christian' and so on.

"Say, you converted to Christianity. You've become a Christian. So, you should write [your identity] as Christian," Siddaramaiah said, when asked about such contentious nomenclatures.

Siddaramaiah specifically used the example of the 'Kuruba Christian' nomenclature. "If there's a Kuruba Christian, he will be a Christian...a converted Christian," said Siddaramaiah, who belongs to the Kuruba caste himself.

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# Steep metro fares linked to state's weak finances

## BMRCL sought 105.55% hike, saying GoK may not provide support

MUTHI-UR-RAHMAN SIDDIQUI
BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government's weak financial position may well have driven the steep hike in metro fares.

In its submission to the Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) seeking a fare hike, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) pointed out that the state may not continue to provide it with Shadow Cash Support (SCS) given its "present financial position".

The state provides SCS through budgetary allocation for cash loss reimbursement and interest-free sub-debt towards loan payment to the Government of India and domestic financial institutions.

The BMRCL sought the fare revision — the first since June 2017 — citing continuous losses. While revenues have increased gradually, operating costs have also risen due to increase in salaries, energy and maintenance costs, it noted.

Although the BMRCL has recorded profit after interest in recent years, it has outstanding loan liability of Rs 13,106.65 crore and subordinate debt of Rs 21.521.23 crore. Its annual interest liability stands at Rs 128 crore and principal payment obligation at Rs 463 crore.

Between 2025-26 and 2029-30, the BMRCL will face loan payment obligations of Rs 9,651.6 crore and Rs 5,721.6 crore in depreciation costs.

After hiking fares by 51.55% on average this year, BMRCL will raise ticket prices by up to 5% annually from Feb 2026. DH FILE

The BMRCL sought an average hike of 105.15%, citing a 133.33% increase in overall costs (energy, staff, outsource service, repairs and maintenance, admin and other expenses) since June 2017.

However, the committee approved only an average hike of 51.55% before discounts across 10 fare slabs. The maximum hike is 71.43%. The fare ranges from Rs 10 to Rs 90.

It also recommended an automatic fare hike of up to 5% every one year from the fare hike. Since the fares were revised in February 2025, the first annual automatic fare hike will take place in February 2026. *DH* was the first to report the development.

The FFC report was made public on September 11.

Independent mobility expert Satya Arikutharam slammed the 51.55% hike, saying it was far higher than the of 39.6% rise in total cost per kilometre.

The FFC recommended that the BMRCL supplement its farebox revenue through property business, advertisements, kiosks, shop rentals, parking fees, station naming rights, train wrapping, etc.

In 2023-24, the BMRCL earned Rs.50.05 crore from property business, or 8.72% of its farebox revenue of Rs 573.91 crore. With the opening of Phases 2A/2B in early 2027, when the metro network expands to 175.55 km, it expects non-fare box revenue to rise to 10%. Daily ridership will touch 15.86 lakh.

A senior BMRCL official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said average daily fare revenue would rise from Rs 3 crore to Rs 6 crore with the completion of Phases 2A/2B.

# School bus topples near Panathur; children safe

## Crater-like potholes & waterlogging continue to haunt residents

BENGALURU, DHNS

A school bus carrying about 20 children toppled on the Balagere-Panathur Road on Friday morning after hitting enormous potholes filled with rainwater. No injuries were reported.

The incident occurred near the Ekya Nava campus, once again exposing the dangerous condition of the three-kilometre stretch, where complaints of waterlogging and crater-like potholes have long gone unheeded.

Harish Kumar, a resident and eyewitness, told *DH*, "There is another school right where the incident happened and many school buses take this road. The lives of hundreds of students are at risk every day."

Police personnel help children climb out of the bus. PTI

M Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), had inspected the road weeks ago, but residents said no improvements were carried out.

The New Horizon Gurukul school confirmed that the students and driver were safe.

Shwetha Rangaswamy, a member of the Individual Tax Payers' Forum and civic activist, said, "There is no concrete drain and when it rains, the water is stagnant. There is not a marker to differentiate the road and the drain. So, the driver thought the water was stagnant on the road and veered the vehicle towards the left and that is when it toppled."

Priya Sharma, another resident, said, "We have raised numerous complaints to the authorities and on the new app 'Raste Gundi Gamana', but no action has been taken."

After videos of the incident went viral on social media, GBA officials reached the spot by 4 pm. "The authorities have placed barricades where the potholes are severe, but that does not really serve the purpose," Shwetha said.

## BDA recovers property at HAL 2nd Stage

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Friday recovered its encroached property at HAL 2nd Stage.

Unauthorised structures that had come up on site number 777/U in Survey Number 51 of Devanahalli Village, HAL 2nd Stage, were demolished and an extent of 1,080 sqft of land was recovered.

The recovered property is estimated at Rs 3.24 crore. The demolition operation was carried out by the BDA Task Force with help from the local police.

# Namma Metro races against time to deliver live heart

BENGALURU, DHNS

Namma Metro facilitated the transportation of a live human heart for the first time on Thursday night.

The heart was transported at 11.01 pm along the Green Line between the Goraguntepalya and Sampige Road stations. The 20-minute journey was completed well within the medically critical 'golden hour'.

The heart was transported at 11 pm along the Green Line between the Goraguntepalya and Sampige Road stations. The medical team began its journey from Sparsh Hospital in Yeshwantpur towards Apollo Hospital in Seshadripuram.
PHOTO: BMRCL

The medical team began its journey from Sparsh Hospital in Yeshwantpur towards Apollo Hospital in Seshadripuram. The team included eight medical officials, one BMRCL security official, and two home guards.

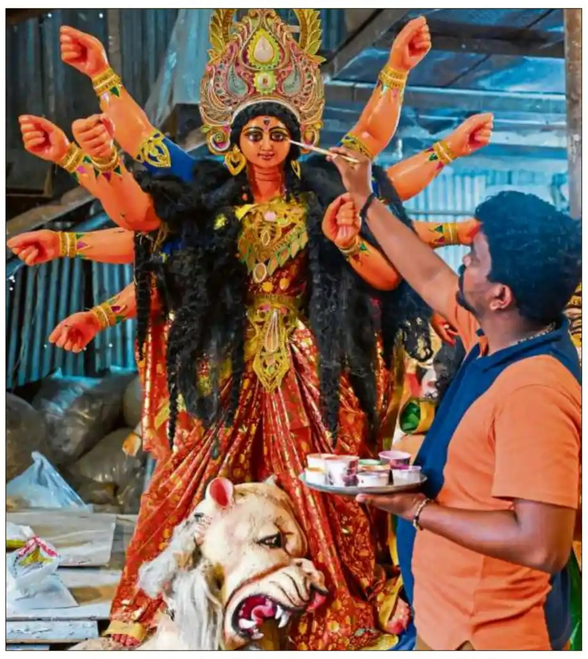
In a press release, the BMRCL said that Assistant Security Officer Honne Gowda coordinated security arrangements and worked closely with the medical team throughout the journey.

A BMRCL spokesperson told *DH* the medical team only had to pay the basic metro fare. "We do not have a tie-up with any hospitals. But if anyone reaches out to us in this regard, we are happy to facilitate their requirements," he said.

Officials at Apollo Hospital said, "This life-saving effort has given a new lease of life to a 33-year-old doctor from Assam, who had been suffering from heart failure for long."

The city's first liver transportation through the BMRCL was carried out last month.

## DIVINE CRAFT



An artist adds finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Durga as the city gears up for Navratri.
DH PHOTO/MS MANJUNATH

## A travelling exhibition on the heritage of France in city

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Alliance Française de Bangalore is hosting 'Scripted Dialogues', a travelling exhibition exploring the heritage of France and India through the art of calligraphy. It will be inaugurated on Saturday at 6.30 pm.

Curated by Padmaja Srivastava, the exhibition features leading Indian artists whose works interweave Indian scripts with French language and culture.

As part of the exhibition, a calligraphy workshop by Nikheel Aphale and Suresh Waghmare will be held between 3 pm and 5.30 pm.

The exhibition will remain open till October 4.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4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता, कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, लातेहार पिन – 829206।
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PR.NO.361729 Rural Development(25-26):D



**"INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE FORCE"**
**(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)**
**GOVT. OF INDIA**

**RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF CONSTABLE (KITCHEN SERVICES)- 2024 IN ITBPF**

**CORRIGENDUM**

Shortlisting of candidates for Verification of Original Documents (Documentation) and Detailed Medical Examination (DME) mentioned at **Phase-III (Merit List) (i),** advertisement published in Employment News of 31st August to 6 September, 2024 for recruitment to the post of **Constable (Kitchen Services)** in ITBPF is hereby **amended** partially, as given below due to administrative reason(s):-

**PHASE - III**

| Particulars | In place of | Read as |
|---|---|---|
| MERIT LIST (i) | After completion of Written Examination, Merit list in each category namely UR, SC, ST, OBC (NCL), EWS and Ex-servicemen will be drawn on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in the written examination. On the basis of merit, the candidates shall be shortlisted for verification of original documents (Documentation) and Detailed Medical Examination (DME) as per the category-wise vacancies. The number of candidates examined will be equal to the number of vacancies increased by average failure rate of Detailed Medical Examination (DME) and Review Medical Examination (RME) determined on the basis of past experience, However, there shall be no reserve list. | After completion of Written Examination, Merit list in each category namely UR, SC, ST, OBC (NCL), EWS and Ex-servicemen will be drawn on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in the written examination. On the basis of merit, the candidates shall be shortlisted for verification of original documents (Documentation) and Detailed Medical Examination (DME) as per the category-wise vacancies. **The number of candidates, who qualified the Written Examination to the tune of ten times category-wise vacancies shall be called to appear in verification of original documents (Documentation) and Detailed Medical Examination (DME) in order of marks secured in Written Examination.** However, there shall be no reserve list. |

2. **Other contents of this advertisement shall remain unaltered.**

Sd/-
DIG (Recruitment)

CBC 19143/11/0008/2526



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(Regd. No.324/39-40) (S.Cadambi Vidya Kendra)
Regd. Off: 10th Main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, WOC Road, Basaveshwarnagar Bengaluru– 560 079. **Ph.: 080-23232831, 23226019**

**TENDER FOR SALE OF LAND**

**1.5 Acres of Land located at Kaggalipura, Bangalore**

THE KALKUNTE EDUCATION TRUST ®, herein after referred as "KET" is a registered body under Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. KET was founded in the Year 1926 and Established as a Registered Entity during 1939. KET was founded by a group of Educationalists & Philanthropists with a vision to promote education. It is functioning under the overall administrative jurisdiction of its elected Managing Committee Members. KET has its registered Office at 10th Main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru–560 079. KET hereby invites sealed tenders for outright sale of its property at Kaggalipura, a continuous Land Parcel Measuring 1.5 Acre in total (Comprising of Survey No 110/2, measuring **1 Acre 17 Guntas and Survey No 395, measuring 03 Guntas), situated at a prime location off Kanakapura Road, Kaggalipura village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka State.,** on **"as is where is basis".** Interested parties may visit KETs Registered Office and Collect the Tender documents from the office address given below. Bidders / Tenderers are required to submit their Bids/offers in a sealed envelope as per Tender Terms and Conditions within the due date 17.10.2025 & 1600 Hrs.

Office Address: **Administrator, S.Cadambi Vidya Kendra, CA Site # 2,10th Main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru–560079**

Tender Date: **13.09.2025**

Bids shall be collected from Reg. HO between **1500 Hrs- 1700 Hrs From 15.09.2025 to 30.09.2025 (Both days inclusive)**

Last date for Submission of Sealed tenders **17.10.2025 & 1600 Hrs**

KET reserves the right to accept / reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reason whatsoever and the same will be binding on all the Parties.

**General Secretary**



**JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.
Ph No.: +91-651-2225878,
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752, e-mail Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com

NIT No.: JUIDCO/Roundabout/ Harmu/4079/663 Date- 12.09.2025

**e-Procurement (Tender Notice)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of Work | Development of Roundabout of Harmu Chowk Hardscape & Softscape work |
| 2 | Mode of Bid Submission | e-tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) |
| 3 | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Rs. 5,01,74,770.00/- (Rupees Five Crore One Lakh, Seventy-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy) only. |
| 4 | Time of Completion | 11 Months (Including Monsoon & Mobilization Period) |
| 5 | Tender Fee and Bid Security to be submitted online | Tender document fee: Rs 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) only. **Non-Refundable.** Bid Security: Rs 5,02,000.00/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Two Thousand) only |
| 6 | Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website | 15.09.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 7 | Last Date/Time of Bid Submission | 13.10.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 8 | Date/Time of opening of Bid | 14.10.2025 at 17:00 Hrs. |
| 9 | Bid Submission Address | Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834001 |
| 10 | Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell | 0651-2225878 |

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
**Project Director (Technical)**
**JUIDCO Ltd, Ranchi**

PR 361763 (Urban Development) 25-26 (D)



**CENTRAL RAILWAY**
**SOLAPUR DIVISION**
**Tender Notice No. : 34-2025-SrDENC**

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of President of India. invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractors for the following works : **Tender Notice No. :** 34-2025-SrDENC. **Name of Work :** Reconditioning of CMS crossing in situ by RW-20 Translamatic Robotic Welding at various yards of Solapur division (Total-199 Nos.) **Approximate Cost of the work :** Rs. 11548138.73/- **Earnest Money** : Rs. 207800.00/- **Completion period of the work :** 12 Months. **Maintenance Period** : NA. **Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website :** 06.10.2025 upto 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in :** 06.10.2025 at 15:30 hrs. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to ote any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. website **www.ireps.gov.in**

DRM (WORKS) CR, SOLAPUR 65

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**Government of India**
**Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**
**Department of Chemicals and Petrochemical**

Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals invites applications for one post of Deputy Industrial Adviser in Level 11 of pay matrix (Rs.67,700-Rs.2,08,700), on **deputation,** including short-term contract basis.

Detailed advertisement is given on the website **www.chemicals.gov.in/recruitments.** Interested candidates may send their application in the prescribed format through proper channel within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News to the following address:

**Shri Ganesh Singh,**
**Deputy Secretary (Admin),**
**Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals**
**Room No. 231-A, Shastri Bhawan,**
**Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001.**

CBC 02101/11/0004/2526



**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**
**Publication of E-TENDER NOTICE No. B/TRD.2025-26/18 Dt: 06.09.2025**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

| Item of work | Approx.Value |
|---|---|
| OHE modifications in connection with increasing of sectional speed from 110kmph to 130 kmph in Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section and removal of redundant mast/portal in Bengaluru division. | Rs.1,00,69,467.58/- |

**Period of Completion : 09 Months**

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 15.00 hrs on 29.09.2025**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Bengaluru
PUB/450/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**
**Publication of E-TENDER NOTICE No. B/TRD.2025-26/12 Dt: 06.09.2025**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

| Item of work | Approx.Value |
|---|---|
| **[i]** BID-OHE modification in connection with provision of proposed Rd-06(Spur Line of 686m) with shunting neck of 650m towards SVC end duly dismantling existing Goods unloading platform adjacent to Rd-5 **[ii]** OHE modification for Shifting of Y TSS down line PTFE. **Period of completion 10 Months** | Rs. 1,31,47,138.73/- |

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 15.00 hrs on 29.09.2025**

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**CENTRAL RAILWAY**
**SOLAPUR DIVISION**
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from reputed, experienced & licensed Electrical contractors for the following works. **Tender No. SUR/TD/T/2025/21 Name of Work:** Modification to OHE of Daund-Bhigwan & Kalaburagi-Wadi section of Solapur division by replacement of MCI fittings cantilever bracket assembly with forged fittings. **Estimated cost:** Rs. 3,05,14,570/- **Bid Security:** Rs. 3,02,600/- **Completion Period:** 12 months. **Validity of offer:** 60 Days. Date & time of tender closing on website: **08/10/2025 at 15.00 hours.**

Sr. DEE (TRD), Solapur 64

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**S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER**

For and on behalf of President of India, the Dy. Chief Engineer/SD & RSP, Garden Reach invites e-tenders for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** The tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on due date. **Sl. No., e-Tender Notice No. & Brief Description of Works** are as follows: **1. DCE-RSP-4-2025.** Provision of Ballastless Track in the loop line of the various stations of Kharagpur division and Ranchi Division. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 92.05 Crore. **Bid Security :** ₹ 47.52 Lakh. **Closing Date :** 15.00 hrs. (IST) on 13.10.2025. **2. DCE-RSP-5-2025.** Provision of Ballastless Track in the Main line of the various stations of Kharagpur division and Ranchi division. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 63.15 Crore. **Bid Security :** ₹ 33.07 Lakh. **Closing Date :** 15.00 hrs. (IST) on 14.10.2025. **Period of Completion :** 18 months from the date of issue of LOA for each. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B. :** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-625)**



**CENTRAL RAILWAY**
**SOLAPUR DIVISION**
**E-Tender No. - 04-2025-GSU-Elect-G**

CPM, Gati Shakti, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of President of India invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractors for the following works : **Name of Work :** Electrical General Services portion of work in connection with provision of new pit line at Kalaburgi station. (Re-invitation) **Approximate Cost of the work :** Rs. 1,76,96,884.34/- **Earnest Money** : Rs. 2,38,500.00/- **Completion period of the work :** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Maintenance Period :** 12 (Twelve) months from the date of commissioning/ taking over the installation. **Last date & time for submission for tender on www.ireps.gov.in website** : 07.10.2025 upto 15:00 hrs. **Date & time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in :** 07.10.2025 after 15:30 hrs. **Website Particulars : www.ireps.gov.in. Note :** The Prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any change / corrigendum issued for this tender website **www.ireps.gov.in**

CPM (GSU) CR, SOLAPUR 66

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**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**
**Publication of E-TENDER NOTICE No. B/TRD.2025-26/17 Dt: 06.09.2025**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

| Item of work | Approx.Value |
|---|---|
| [i]SWR-Bengaluru | Rs.1,38,91,597.02/- |

Division-OHE modifications in connection with provision of 01 additional loop line on Road-1 side at Nidavanda station [ii] OHE modifications in connection with proposed Road Under Bridge in lieu of Level Crossing No.28 at km 49/200-300 between Nidavanda-Hirehalli stations (double track) with U-type retaining wall of 85m on both side and approach road of 135mts

**Period of Completion : 11 Months**

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 15.00 hrs on 29.09.2025**

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Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Bengaluru
PUB/449/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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## Russell Market set for makeover

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for redeveloping the historic Russell Market in Shivajinagar has been finalised, Bengaluru Central City Commissioner Rajendra Cholan announced.

Rajendra Cholan

He instructed officials to expedite the project while retaining the market's heritage value.

During an inspection of the Shivajinagar assembly constituency, the commissioner said the aim is to transform Russell Market into a modern, citizen-friendly space while preserving its architectural legacy.

The redevelopment will provide parking facilities, underground drainage, water and power supply, fire safety, toilets, solid waste management, solar energy systems, and rainwater harvesting.

Cholan also directed officials to launch a cleanliness drive around the market and take strict action against indiscriminate waste disposal. He instructed that desilting of stormwater drains in the area be completed without delay.

Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad, who accompanied Cholan during the inspection, said that Russell Market is one of the oldest landmarks in the locality and must be redeveloped without compromising its heritage. He assured full community support for the smooth execution of the project.

The historic Russell Market in Shivajinagar. DH FILE PHOTO

# BDA to GBA: A power shift in city planning

## Govt transfers control of land use, master plans to GBA

**NAVEEN MENEZES**
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka government on Friday vested the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) with sweeping new powers, making it the primary entity to plan for the city.

The amendment ends the dominance of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), which had control over almost everything related to land, including preparation of master plans, zoning regulations, and approval of land use changes or development plans. Going forward, property owners and builders will head to the GBA headquarters and not to the BDA.

Earlier this week, *DH* reported about the proposal under the title: *New order: Greater Bengaluru Authority to take over from BDA.*

On Friday, the government issued a notification under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning and Certain Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025, after receiving the Governor's assent. As per the amendment, the local planning area of Greater Bengaluru, spread across about 721 sqkm, will come under the GBA.

The GBA will henceforth exercise all powers of a local planning authority, including preparing master plans, granting building permissions, and enforcing planning regulations.

The notification also states that all existing approvals, notifications, byelaws, commencement certificates, and master plans issued by the BDA or the erstwhile Bengaluru City Local Planning Authority will automatically be transferred to the GBA.

The GBA will also take over ongoing and future legal cases relating to planning in the Greater Bengaluru Area.

The BDA will continue as a planning body for areas outside the GBA limits, which have now been reduced to about 400 sqkm from 1,200 sqkm. It may also focus on development projects such as the long-pending Peripheral Ring Road and formation of new layouts.

A BDA official said it has sent a request to the government to expand its jurisdiction to cover fast-developing areas outside the GBA limits.

## Three arrested for robbing retired ACP of gold jewellery

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The police in northern Bengaluru arrested three men who allegedly stabbed and robbed a retired assistant commissioner of police (ACP) while he was returning home from his morning walk.

H Subbanna, the retired police officer, was waylaid by three masked men near the Veterinary College in Hebbal recently.

He was first threatened with a knife and robbed of his gold chain. When he resisted, he was stabbed in the hand and robbed of his gold bracelet, too, the police said.

Based on Subbanna's complaint, the Sanjaynagar police launched an investigation and reviewed CCTV footage of the crime scene to trace the suspects.

The suspects — Syed Mohsin, 30, Mohammed Salman, 20, and Syed Irfan, 23, all residents of DJ Halli — were arrested. The police said the gold ornaments and cash were recovered from them.

## Five corporations conduct cleanliness drive

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** All five municipal corporations on Friday conducted a cleanliness drive across the city. Workers de-silted drains, cleared garbage blackspots, and removed footpath encroachments.

Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) also cracked down on single-use plastic, seizing about 24 tonnes and imposing fines worth Rs 38 lakh since August, officials said.

Tushar Girinath, Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department (UDD), reviewed infrastructure works by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), including white-topping of roads.

Girinath said the traffic police had identified 4,822 potholes, of which 2,961 are yet to be repaired.

## GBA names 10 zonal offices, one per corporation

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Weeks after carving out five new municipal corporations, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has finalised 10 zones for smoother administration.

Each corporation will have two zones, covering one to six assembly constituencies.

The zones are CV Raman Nagar and Gandhinagar (Bengaluru City Central Corporation), Mahadevapura and KR Puram (Bengaluru City East Corporation), Jayanagar and Bommanahalli (Bengaluru City South Corporation), RR Nagar and Malleswaram (Bengaluru City West Corporation), and Byatarayanapura and Yelahanka (Bengaluru City North Corporation).

Each zone will be headed by a joint commissioner, who is a KAS officer, along with a chief engineer. There will be no zonal commissioners.

## Girl's family thrashes bus driver in public for molesting her

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The driver of a private bus was beaten up by the relatives of a minor girl after he allegedly molested her.

The police said the girl, travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru, had handed her phone to the driver for charging. When she later asked for it back, he allegedly demanded a kiss in return and misbehaved with her. She informed her family over the phone.

As the bus neared Bengaluru on Thursday morning, her relatives intercepted it near Chalukya Circle, dragged the driver out, stripped him half-naked and thrashed him in public. Local residents gathered at the spot before the police arrived and took him to the station in an auto.

The Halasuru Gate police have arrested the suspect based on a complaint filed by the girl's family.

## ◆ IN THE CITY ◆

**GENERAL**

**Lecture on Health and Food:** Pavagada Souharda Multipurpose Co-operative Society; Dr CN Manjunath, G Nanjanagowda, Sharangouda G Patil, Ashok Annayy, BH Krishnareddy to attend; Samruddhi Manor Party Hall; 9.30 pm.

**30th Anniversary of Mathrubhoomi Youth Association:** Sports, NSS, NCC, and achievers will be honored; Santosh Lad, KH Muniyappa, Dr Nagalakshmi Chaudhary will attend; Harsha School auditorium; 10 am.

**Auto-Rickshaw Skill Training Inauguration for Women and Gender Minorities:** NA Haris, Geetanjali Vikram Kirloskar, Rajendra Cholan P, Lakshmi Ganesh, Arati Hiremath, Sudhakar Pai, Chitra Talwar, Srinivas Alavilli to attend; Rangoli Metro Art Centre; 10.30 am.

**CULTURAL**

**Vaibhava Ganesha Festival:** Rangoli competition & Sangeetha Vaibhava by Vaibhava Ganesha Hindu Religious Service Trust, Jayanth Seva Foundation; Aladamarada Circle, Mallathahalli; 11 am to 6.30 pm.

**Tittittai Yaksha Parva:** Episodes–Damayanti Punah Swayamvara, Bhrigu Shaapa, Krishna Sankalp; Ravindra Kalakshetra; 9.10 pm.

## ◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

**FORECAST**

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

**TEMPERATURES**

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| Maximum | 28.0°C |
| Minimum | 20.7°C |
| Rainfall (as of 8:30 am) | -- |
| Humidity (as of 5:30 pm) | 71% |
| Sunset (Sept 13) | 6:23 pm |
| Sunrise (Sept 14) | 6:09 am |
| Moonrise | 10:02 pm |
| Moonset | 10:19 pm |

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

# ‘Akka Pade’ to be operational in 3 months

UDUPI, DHNS:

Minister for Women and Child Development Laxmi Hebbalkar has said that “Akka Pade,” a women’s protection force, will be operational in three months in the state.

“Anganwadi centres—first started 50 years ago in T Narasipura, Mysuru by former prime minister Indira Gandhi—have completed five decades of service. To mark the milestone, the government would roll out Akka Pade within three months,” Hebbalkar said. She was speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed gram panchayat building at Nire-Kanjar in Karkala.

Laxmi Hebbalkar

The minister said each taluk would have one unit of Akka Pade, comprising policewomen and NCC-trained members, equipped with arms and proper training. Helplines would be set up in bus stands and temple fair premises. “This force will not only respond to public but also act against domestic violence and injustices within homes,” she added.

The minister hit out at Opposition parties for portraying the state government as “anti-Hindu.”

“The opposition has no real issues. They waited for the fall of this government, said our guarantees would last only four months, and even spoke of ‘Operation Kamala’. But we have fulfilled all our promises for the people. Disturbing communal harmony has always been BJP’s agenda. No one should take the law into their hands, and whoever does so will be condemned,” she said.

# CM to discuss sanitation workers’ issues with officials

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said he would discuss the demands of sanitation workers with officials and take a decision.

Speaking to representatives of the workers, he noted that only 492 of the 2,992 sanitation worker posts had been filled so far and that the remaining positions would now be filled. He also said that whenever a sanitation labourer working under direct wages in an urban local body passes away, a compensation of Rs 10 lakh would be provided from the ULB’s own resources—a measure that has already been approved.

The sanitation workers submitted several demands, including providing permanent jobs to around 12,000 workers (29,000 have already been made permanent), abolishing supernumerary posts, making all manhole cleaning workers permanent, providing jobs or relief on compassionate grounds to families of deceased workers, and issuing cashless health cards for sanitation workers.


## JOB VACANCY
### MANAGER FOR GOLDEN PALM EXTENSION CANTEENS (GPECs),
### SENA VIHAR, WHITEFIELD, KGF MYSORE, VIRAJPET & HASSAN (KARNATAKA)

1. Applications are invited from Retired Defence Officers for the post of Manager for the following Golden Palm Extension Canteens (GPECs), (Karnataka) :-
(a) GPEC, Sena Vihar
(b) GPEC, Whitefield } Honorarium Rs 60,000/- per month (all inclusive).
(c) GPEC, KGF
(d) GPEC Mysore
(e) GPEC, Hassan
(f) GPEC, Virajpet } Honorarium Rs 55,000/- per month (all inclusive).

2. The employment will be for 11 (eleven) months on contractual basis. Interested candidates may visit GPC Website **gpcscblr.co.in** for details of eligibility criteria, format for submitting Applications-cum-Bio Data Form, Medical Fitness Certificate, Discipline Vigilance (DV Ban)/ No Cases of Corruption was reported against the applicant during the entire service.

**3. Details of eligibility criteria are as under :-**
(a) Category - Retd Defence Officer.
(b) Age - 64 years or below.
(c) Experience - Management of Unit Run Canteen (URC) and Handling of Accounts.

4. The candidates with experience in Management of URCs/ Handling of Accounts may apply with a copy of Record of Service and Resume directly to the Canteen Officer, Golden Palm Canteen Cell, C/o HQ K&K Sub Area, Cubbon Road, Bangalore - 01 with full address and mobile No, through Regd Post or by mail ID No : gpccellkksa@gmail.com by **15 Oct 2025.**

## OFFICE OF THE ZILLA PANCHAYATH TUMKUR.(MDM)
**(PM POSHAN (AKSHARA DASOHA) Programme)**
**Office of the Zilla Panchayath Tumkur,**
**Land Line No: 0816-2261567/2005568.**
**Email - eopmposhantumkur@gmail.com**

**No :Z.P. AD:16/2024-25.** **Date: 10/09/2025.**

### Tender Advertisement

The appointment of food grains transport contractors for the Akshara Dasoha Programme for 1-10th Rice & Wheat, Toor Dhal, Oil & Salt & other foodgrains from Chikkanayanahalli & Tiptur Taluk KFCSC & TAPCMC godown to 1-10th Standard Govt & Aided, Primary & High schools Kitchen centres of the Tumkur District.

To appoint the transporters, as said above the tenders is invited in website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from Chief Executive officer, Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur.

The interested lorry owners (Transporters) [Who have Registered in R.T.O Office] as application fee through online. [which is not reimbursed in future] For more details one may get information through web site .**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Details**
1. The date of Publish of the tender :**12/09/2025.**
2. The open date for filling and submitting the tender application forms through online:**12/09/2025.**
3. The date of Pre Bid Tender Meeting :**19/09/2025 at 11.30 am.**
4. The last date for the submission of filled tender forms through online :**26/09/2025 at 5.30 pm.**
5. The date of opening of Technical Bid tender:**29/09/2025 2.00 PM.**
6. The opening of Financial Bid after technical documents verifications.

The Contractor will be charged for a period of one year from the date issue.

Related to this tender, EMD amount & for other details one may contact, Education officer, Akshara Dasoha, Zilla panchayath, Tumkur. PH [0816-2261567/2005568] during the office hours & get more information.

**Sd/- Deputy Secretary (Administration)**
Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/RO-120/25-26/Oysters

## KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
**(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)**

No. CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC &APCC)/EE-Proc-2/AEE-3/6/2025-26/3133-152 Date:12.09.2025

### BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
**(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)**

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works in a **Combined Package** against following Enquiry Numbers:

**Enquiry numbers/ Name of the Works**

**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2576**

**Work-A:** Replacement of **2X8 MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer by **2X20 MVA 66/11kV** Power Transformer at **66 kV Hagare** sub-station in Belur Taluk, Hassan District.

**Work-B**: Replacement of **2X8MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer by **2X20MVA** 66/11kV Power Transformer at **66kV Duglapura** sub-station in Tarikere Taluk, Chikka magaluru District.

**Work-C:** Providing **additional 1X20MVA,** 66/11 kV Power Transformer at **66/11kV Kalasapura** sub-station in Chikkamagaluru Taluk and District.

**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2690**

**Work-A:** Replacement of **1X8MVA,** 66/11 kV Power Transformer by **1X20 MVA 66/11kV** Power Transformer at **66 kV Mattanavile** sub-station in Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District.

**Work-B:** Replacement of **1X6.3MVA, and 1X8MVA,** 66/11 kV Power Transformer by **2X20MVA 66/11kV** Power Transformer at **66kV Juttanahally** sub-station in Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District.

**Work-C:** Providing **additional 1X20MVA**, 66/11kV Power Transformer at **66/11kV Shettyhalli** sub-station in Channarayapatna Taluk and Hassan District.

**KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2611**

**Combined Package for,**

**Work-A:** Providing **Additional 1x20MVA** Power Transformer at **110/11kV Tangali** sub-station in Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District.

**Work-B: Replacement of 2x10MVA,** 110/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformers at **110/11kV Singatagere** sub-station in Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District.

**Work-C: Replacement of 2x10MVA,** 110/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformers at **110/11kV Birur** sub-station in Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District.

**Work-D: Replacement of 2x10MVA,** 110/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformers at **110/11kV Nidaghatta** sub-station in Kadur taluk, Chikkamagaluru District.
**under Buy Back of released materials.**

**on Partial Turnkey Basis,** including Supply of all Materials / Equipments (Excluding supply of 11kV Switchgear) and Erection (including dismantling & Civil Works) of all Materials / Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink “E Procurement KPTCL” or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 15.09.2025 @ 15:00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the KPP portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

**Sd/- Chief General Manager(Tech)., Corporate Office, KPTCL, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009.**

Government of Karnataka
## Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, HAVERI-581 110
Email: eeprednhvn@gmail.com Tel No. 08375-232454

### E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
**This office letter No. 23/EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-1&2/Tender/2025-26/3195. Dated:09-09-2025**

On 09-09-2025 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Tender Notification has been issued for the following **work Indent No.18560(SC), 18458, 18667, 18161, 17297/Call-2, 13759/Call-4** Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on **Dated:17-09-2025 (upto 4:00 PM).** For further additional information, any changes & queries visit http://www.kppp.karnatak.gov.in.

**Sing/-**
**Executive Engineer,**
**P.R.E. Division, Haveri.**
**dipr/hvr/dipo/386/25-26**

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE SIRSI
Sl.No / APMC/ SIRSI/ DEV/ 273 / 2025-26 Date: 03-09-2025.

### E-Tender Notification

Under the Annual Action Plan of Sirsi Agricultural Produce Market Committee for the year 2025-26, item-wise tender prices in double-envelope system for two works have been invited from eligible contractors registered by the Public Works Department on the KPPP portal. Standard Tendering Document KW-3 **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Eligible contractors can submit tenders. For more information, please visit the above website and during office hours.

| Sl. No | Tender Indent No. | Amount put Tender (Excluding GST) | Last date and time for receipt of tender. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | APMC/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT669 | 89,75,560-37 | Date: 04-10-2025 Time : 4.00 PM |
| 2 | APMC/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT668 | 91,18,660-83 | |

**Sd/-, Secretary, APMC, Sirsi** **Sd/-, Administrator, APMC, Sirsi**
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/484/25-26 dt. 12.09.2025

## CENTRAL RAILWAY
**SOLAPUR DIVISION**
**Tender Notice No. : GEM/2025/ B/6658427 dated 10.09.2025**

DRM(M)’s office, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of the President of India invites sealed tender from the reputed firms/contractors for the following work. **Name of work with is locality** : The contract work of Mechanized cleaning of coaches and cleaning of depot premises area at Solapur Coaching depot of Solapur division on manpower basis for a period of three years through GeM. **System of tendering** : Two Packet system. **Approximate cost of work :** Rs. 9,65,59,649.5/- **Cost of the Tender form** : Nil. **Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased :** DRM(M)’s office, Central Railway, Solapur. **Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 6,32,800/- **Completion period of the work :** Three years from the date of commencement of the work. **Date & time for submission of tender :** 08.10.2025 at 10:00 hrs. **Date & time of opening of tender** : 08.10.2025 at 10:30 hrs. **Website particulars & notice location where complete details of tender can be seen : www.gem.gov.in/**

**Sr.DME/Solapur** 63

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## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
**Publication of E-TENDER NOTICE No. B/TRD.2025-26/14 Dt: 06.09.2025**
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

| Item of work | Approx.Value |
|---|---|
| [I] OHE modification | Rs.1,56,83,153.85/- |

required for Construction of Track Machine siding at Chikkabanavara, Yediyuru, Shravanabelagola and Nelamangala Rd station length of 420m [ii] OHE modification in connection with the proposed extension of platform BG Nagar PF-1&2 by 16 mtr, Hirisave PF-1, 2&3 by 20 mtr, Shravanabelagola PF-1, PF-2&3 by 138m each, Channarayapattana PF-1, 2&3 by 140 mtr and compound wall at Channarayapattana station in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Kunigal subdivision. [iii] Pending works electrification of Chikkabanavara -Hassan (Gr296) sections of Bengaluru division. [iv] TRD works in connection with Engineering track works in Chikkabanavara-Hassan Section.
**Period of completion 12 Months**

Last date for Submission of bids :
**Upto 15.00 hrs on 29.09.2025**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
**Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Bengaluru**
PUB/448/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY @SWRAILWAYHQ @sw_railways

## ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹರಿಹರ–577601
ಫೋ:08192–244266 ka.harihar.cmc@gmail.com
ನಂ.ನಸಹ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ–08/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10–09–2025

### ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ನಸಹ/ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ / ಐ ಫ್ ಟಿ – 07/2025–16 ದಿ:02/09/2025.

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ನಸಹ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಐ ಫ್ ಟಿ:07/2025–26 ದಿ: 02/09/2025 ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕ್ರಸಂ 3,5,6,11,22,23,24 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ

ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24–09–2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–09–2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

1) DMA/2025-26/WS/WORK-INDENT43376 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–22.10
2) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK-INDENT48600 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–19.40
3) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK-INDENT48599 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–24.25
4) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK-INDENT43380 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–5.00
5) DMA/2025-26/WS/WORK-INDENT48615 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–4.77
6) DMA/2025-26/IND4985 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–13.00
7) DMA/2025-26/IND4987 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:–33.00

ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹರಿಹರ  ಸಹಿ/–ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹರಿಹರ.
ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/346/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

## Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Bagalkot
**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**
**Room No. 126, Navanagar, Bagalkote.**
**Phone : 08354 - 235042, E-mail : bgkeezpe@yahoo.com**

**No.: E.E./P.R.E.D./B.G.K./PB-1/Tender/25-26/2563 Date: 08-09-2025**

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
**(One &Two Cover System) | (KW - 1, 2 & 3 Bid Document)**

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under **Two Cover Bid System** is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 **Standard Bid Document KW - 1, 2, 3** through Public electronic Tendering System (E-Tender from Class - 1, 2, 3 Contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD, Who have got Adequate Financial Resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction Equipments Technical Man Power & Sufficient Past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.

**Tender Called for** 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶಿರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಅನುದಾನದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ, ಬೀಳಗಿ, ಹುನಗುಂದ, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ, ಮುಧೋಳ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾದಾಮಿ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ.

**Scheme Under Work Indent No. :** ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. **: 15057/Call-2, 18570, 18643, 15238/Call-2, 15497/Call-2, 14943/ Call-2, 14766/Call-3, 14952/Call-2, 15851/Call-3, 15150/Call-3,** ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2 (ಎ) ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. **: 18572, 18599, 16037/Call-2, 15452/Call-2, 15854/Call-2,** ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **: 18605, 17637/Call-2** ಇದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ವಿವರ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. 10.00 ದಿಂದ 100.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಮಿತಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು), ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿವರಗಳು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂತೆ. **read as below.**

**Calendar of Event : 1) Request of Blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through E-procurement Date : 08-09-2025 to 20-09-2025 at 5.30 p.m., 2) Opening of Technical Bid Date : (Only Two Cover Tender Applied) 22-09-2025 at 11.00 a.m., 3) Opening of Financial Bid Date : Technical Bid Approved.**

Note: More details can be obtained through **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone : 08354-235042.**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bagalkote.**
DIPR/Bagalkote/271/Manipal/2025-26

## ARMY INSTITUTE OF FASHION AND DESIGN
(A Unit of Army Welfare Education Society)
Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, PO-Kothanur, Bengaluru-560077. **Tele : 8792669001**
E-Mail : **aifd@awesindia.edu.in** Web : **www.aifd.edu.in** and **www.aihmctbangalore.edu.in**

### VACANCY CIRCULAR

Army Institute of Fashion and Design (AIFD), Bangalore is a unit of Army Welfare Education Society Campus, Bangalore. Bio Data/Resume are invited for the following vacancy.

| Post | Details |
|---|---|
| **POST – Assistant Professor (FAD)** VACANCY – TWO | For method to apply, Qualification and Salary, Please refer to our website. |
| **POST – Assistant Professor (IDD)** VACANCY – ONE | **www.aifd.edu.in** and **www.aihmctbangalore.edu.in** |
| **POST–Laboratory Assistant (FAD)** VACANCY – ONE | |
| **POST–Laboratory Assistant (IDD)** VACANCY – ONE | Last date : **30th September, 2025** |

**Sd/- Principal, AIFD**

## CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA
**(Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2009)**
**Kadaganchi, Aland road, Kalaburagi-585 367., Phone (08477)-226722**
**Website: www.cuk.ac.in, Email: registrar@cuk.ac.in**

**No.CUK/CD/F-2023/05/54** **Date :11 September, 2025**

### NOTIFICATION
**EMPANELMENT OF CONTRACTORS FOR MISCELLANEOUS PETTY CIVIL, SANITARY, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL WORKS/REPAIR ETC. FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2025-2026 & 2026-2027.**

Central University of Karnataka invites applications for empanelment of contractors registered with Govt of Karnataka and or Central Government, CPWD, All India Radio, Department of Post, BSNL, NBCC, Kalaburagi Urban/Rural Development Authority (KUDA) etc. for empanelment as Civil and/or Electrical contractors and who have registered offices in the 100 Km vicinity of Kalaburagi for carrying out repair/minor works in the University, For Financial Years 2025-2026 & 2026-2027.

The application form for empanelment shall be downloaded from the **CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA** website www.cuk.ac.in the completed application for empanelment with necessary documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope super scribing thereon "Application for empanelment of Civil and Electrical contractors" to The Registrar, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi on or **before 15.00 hours on 13-10-2025.**

**Place : Kalaburagi** **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

Government of Karnataka
ಕ್ರಾಫರ್ಡ್ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಸಕಲೇಶಪುರ,
(ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ 150 ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ)
## CRAWFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL, SAKALESHAPURA - 573 134 (150 Bed Sub-divisional Hospital)
**email:crawfordhospital@gmail.com phone:08173-243098**
NO/CGHS/Ready Food/Tender/35/2025-26
Date: 10.09.2025

### Re- Tender Notification

Re Tender is Invited through "E" Procurement portal to supply Ready Food to Crawford General Hospital, Sakalespura Details are as follows. Last Date to submit Tender: 26.09.2025 4.30pm Opening of technical Bid: 29.09.2025 10 am Estimated amount Rs.50.00.000.00 EMD Rs.1,25,000.00 For More information bidders can visit www.kppp. karnataka.gov.in

**sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Crawford General Hospital, Sakaleshpura.**
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/557/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that on behalf of our Client, we are scrutinizing the right, title and interest of (i) **Mrs. Ranjini Ispahani,** wife of Late Mr. Syed Ali Ispahani; and (ii) **Ms. Firuzeh Ispahani**, daughter of Late Mr. Syed Ali Ispahani (referred to herein as the “**Owners**”), to the immovable properties more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and referred to herein as the “**Schedule Properties**”. The Owners have represented that they are currently the joint and absolute owners of the Schedule Properties, having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same. The Owners have further represented that the Schedule Properties are free from all encumbrances, charges, lien, litigation and/ or any third-party rights/ claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution have any claims or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, agency, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, assignment, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any court or authority, litigation, *lis-pendens*, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, will, bequest, tenancy, development rights, family arrangement / settlement, allotment, acquisition, requisition, FAR/ FSI, beneficial right or interest under any trust, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned, in writing, together with all details and documents in support of such claim, within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that the Owners have a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Properties and that none else have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties; and our Client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties. Any objections and/ or claims received after the expiry of the notice period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES**

**Item No. 1:**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land totally admeasuring an extent of **24,336.33 square feet**, bearing **Municipal No. 17/17**, forming part of old Munipal No. 17, even earlier part of old Municipal No. 11, situated at **Ali Asker Road, Ward No. 110 – Sampangiramanagar, Bengaluru – 560 052**, and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Remaining portion of Municipal No. 17;
On the West by : Ali Asker Cross Road;
On the North by : Remaining portion of Municipal No. 17; and
On the South by : Ali Asker Road.

**Item No. 2:**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land totally admeasuring an extent of **18,621.72 square feet**, bearing **Municipal Nos. 35/4 and 35/5**, forming part of old Municipal No. 17, even earlier part of old Municipal No. 11, situated at **S.R.T. Road (Cunningham Road), Ward No. 110 – Sampangiramanagar, Bengaluru – 560 052**, and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Remaining portion of Municipal No. 17 (Shah Sultan Complex);
On the West by : Ali Asker Cross Road;
On the North by : S.R.T. Road (Cunningham Road); and
On the South by : Remaining portion of Municipal No. 17.

**C.R. Muralidharan**, Partner
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Government of Karnataka
## Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere
No.EE/RDWS& SD/DVG/ AE-1,2/JE-1/JJM& CAP/Tender / 2025-26/820 Dated:-11.09.2025

### E-Procurement Tender Notification

Tender is invited through e-procurement for 5works in 5 Villages of Honnali Taluk and 1 work in 1 Village of Jagalur Talukapproved under 2215 –JJM scheme(2020-21) and under Contingnecy action plan 1 Work in Davangere Taluk, for Total 7 works costing Rs177.50 Lakhsin Two cover system by the Executive Engineer, RDWS& S Division, Davanagere on behalf the Governor of Karnataka, for registered PWD Contractors and also registered in e-Portal cell.Item rate tender as per standard bid documents only through e-Procurement in order to enhance the transparency in the tendering process and hence there will be no physical form of tender. Last date for submission of tenders on Dated:24.09.2025at5.00 PM. Further details can be obtained from this office Tel No:08192-262126 or through website http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/342/ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26
**Sd/- Executive Engineer RWS Division, Davanagere**

## ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ನವನಗರ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
ಸಂ. ಹು.ಧಾ.ನ.ಪ್ರಾ/ಅವಿ/ಟೆ.ನೋ.ನಂ. 09/2025-26/2860 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.09.2025

### ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ KW-4 ರನ್ವಯ (INDENT No 28) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಲೈಸನ್ಸ್ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮಯದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. 2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **13-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆ.** 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆ.** 4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ**, ಆಗದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೊತ್ತುಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾದರಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ದಾಖಲೆ KW-4 ದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಅಭ್ಯಸಿಸಿ ಅರ್ಥೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಏನಾದರೂ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲನಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಆಯುಕ್ತರು,
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ದಿಶಾ/ 659/2025–26

## ಕೆಎಮ್‌ಎಫ್ ಡೆಂಪೊ ಡೇರಿ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್., ಆಸಂಗಿ– 587 311.
ತಾ: ರಬಕವಿ-ಬನಹಟ್ಟಿ ಜಿ: ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ. ಫೋ. 9591806252/9591806255
ಕ್ರಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕೆಎಮ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಡಿಡಿಎಲ್/ಖರೀದಿ/2025–26/997 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.09.2025

### ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕೆಎಮ್‌ಎಫ್ ಡೆಂಪೊ ಡೇರಿ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್‌ವು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನವುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖೇನ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಪ್ಲಾಟಫಾರಂ ಅಡಿ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಅಪ್ಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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| 1 | ನೌಕರರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬದವರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಮಾ ಯೋಜನೆ (Tailor made group mediclaim policy for 43 KMFDDL Employees and their family members.) | 1 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ | ರೂ.500/– |
| 2 | 80 ರಿಂದ 120 ಕ್ರೇಟ್ಸ್ ಐಸ್‌ಕ್ರೀಮ್ ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕಾ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ 01 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ರೆಫ್ರೀಜಿರೇಟೆಡ್ ವಾಹನವನ್ನು 2 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು. | 2 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ | ರೂ.30,000/– |

ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನಲೋಡ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11.09.2025 ರಿಂದ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 25.09.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

# Karnataka plans to introduce UK-like healthcare system

## Minister holds talks with National Health Service representatives

**RASHMI BELUR**
LONDON, DHNS

In order to ensure universal access to quality healthcare, Karnataka is contemplating switching to a new system modelled on the lines of the taxpayer-funded National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom.

"Karnataka has tried devising a system to provide free healthcare services to all, but it has not worked out. If NHS can conduct a study comparing its system and the one we have in Karnataka, it could help us migrate to a universal healthcare system in the next 10 years," said Karnataka Minister for Medical Education Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, who conferred with NHS representatives.

The minister also proposed a study for assessing the facilities available at government and private hospitals, besides looking at their funding models.

Responding to Patil, Dr Tony Veenith, of the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, acknowledged the feasibility of the proposal. "Yes, it's absolutely possible. We can have a discussion about this. There is much we can learn and implement together," said Dr Veenith, who also pointed to NHS's association with several institutions from Karnataka such as the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research for clinical cancer trials.

### Varsity invited

Meanwhile, Minister for Higher Education Dr M C Sudhakar invited the University of Wolverhampton to establish a campus in Bengaluru. Pointing out that Bengaluru already housed the Imperial College, London hub, he added, "Liverpool University has signed an agreement to set up a campus in the city. Wolverhampton's entry will further strengthen our association."

### Student exchange programme

Bangalore University (BU), which has an agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, proposed a student exchange programme. BU Vice-Chancellor Dr Jayakara S M proposed an exchange of research scholars between the varsities.

"Our association with the university has progressed a lot in the past year. Now we want to have a collaboration for PhD programmes. If the University of Wolverhampton is ready, we can ask the Karnataka government to sponsor students from economically weaker sections," said Jayakara.

*(The reporter is visiting London at the invitation of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council)*

# K'taka urges UK varsities to study rising suicide rates

**RASHIMI BELUR**
LONDON, DHNS

The Karnataka government has approached universities in the United Kingdom to conduct a study into incidence of suicide among students, particularly those pursuing medical courses.

Karnataka Minister for Medical Education Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, who is currently in the UK, held a discussion on the subject with representatives of both the British government and various varsities, including those from Cambridge University. Expressing concern over healthcare professionals and medical students ending their life, Patil added, "We are looking forward to UK universities taking up a detailed study on this subject."

Depression, addiction, debt, among other reasons, are prompting nearly a million people the world over to take the extreme step of ending their life, said the minister. "The number of suicide cases among those in the healthcare sector has significantly increased over the past decade. This has become a problem in most countries including the UK and India. To find a solution to this problem, universities in both countries are embarking on a collaborative study," said Patil.

Prevention of suicide among healthcare professionals and medical students requires instilling confidence, and taking steps to prevent addiction to narcotics and alcohol, said Patil. "Preventive measures including screening and therapeutic recommendations will be put in place to ensure they don't take the extreme step," he added.

Discussions were also held on the possibility of introducing a dedicated course on the subject.

Karnataka Minister for Higher Education Dr M C Sudhakar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Vice-Chancellor Dr B C Bhagavan, Dr Rajeev from the Department of Psychiatry, Cambridge University, were among those in attendance.

# HC stays ED provisional attachment of Ranya's assets

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Karnataka high court has stayed until the next date of hearing the Enforcement Directorate (ED) provisional attachment order relating to the properties of actress Harshavardini Ranya Rao.

Ranya Rao

The actress is presently in judicial custody under the provisions of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act in connection with a gold smuggling case.

The petitioner has challenged the July 4, 2025, provisional attachment order under section 5(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering (PML) Act and further proceedings. The counsel for the petitioner submitted that the predicate offence mentioned in the provisional attachment is of the year 2025, and hence the properties acquired by the petitioner prior to the trial of the scheduled offences cannot form the subject matter of the attachment.

"Prima facie, this court finds that the impugned attachment, insofar as it covers properties acquired before the commission of the alleged predicate offence, is without jurisdiction. The matter, therefore, requires consideration in the light of the law laid down by the Supreme Court in the Pavana Dibbur case. Accordingly, the provisional attachment order dated July 4, 2025, issued by the ED against the petitioner, is stayed until the next date of hearing," Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum said while ordering notice to the ED.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence officials intercepted Ranya Rao on March 3, 2025 at the Kempegowda International airport. The authorities had recovered gold weighing 14,213.05 grams valued at Rs 12,56,43,362, found to be wrapped around her waist, calf muscles with the help of crepe bandage and tissues.

# Govt upgrades two ADGP positions

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The government on Friday promoted Umesh Kumar, a 1995-batch IPS officer serving as Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Karnataka State Reserve Police, to officiate as Director General of Police (Recruitment) in the upgraded post. He relieves S Murugan from concurrent charge. Arun Chakravarthy, a 1995-batch IPS officer serving as ADGP and Chairman of Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, has been promoted to officiate in the grade of DGP in the same post. A notification stated that two posts will be equivalent in status and responsibilities to the cadre post of DGP, CID, Special Units and Economic Offences.

## Rs 5 cr relief for HP floods

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday informed Himachal Pradesh CM, Sukvinder Singh Sukhu, that Karnataka would provide Rs 5 cr for disaster relief in the northern state.


**ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग**
**कार्य प्रमंडल, देवघर**
**जिला परिषद बिल्डींग, सत्संगनगर, देवघर.**

**ई–अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**

ई–अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- **09RI/2025-26/RWD/EE/DEOGHAR** दिनांक :- **11-09-2025**
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, देवघर द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति के रूप में पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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(1). बेवसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – **15.09.2025**
(2). ई0 निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि – **24.09.2025** अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक
(3). निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – **26.09.2025** अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
(4). निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:– कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रा0 कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, देवघर।

**PR 361786 (Deoghar)25-26*D**

**कार्यपालक अभियन्ता**
**ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्य प्रमंडल, देवघर**



**PUBLIC NOTICE - E-AUCTION**
**RELIABLE CASHEW COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION (RCCPL)**
**under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016**

**E-AUCTION**
**Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016**
**Dates E-Auction: 09.10.2025 and 10.10.2025**

Pursuant to the Order of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai vide its order dated 09.08.2024 in the matter of Reliable Cashew Company Private Limited (In Liquidation), the undersigned is inviting bids for sale of assets of RCCPL as a going concern sale and/or sale of the assets owned by RCCPL forming part of the liquidation estate under section 35(f) of IBC, 2016 read with Regulation 32(e) and Regulation 32A of IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016. The said Assets will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS ", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS".**

The Sale will be done by the undersigned through the E-Auction platform at the web portal https://ibbi.baanknet.com/eauction-ibbi/home Brief particulars of the sale are as follows:

| Set of Assets | Assets | Reserve Price (In INR) | EMD Amount (In INR) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Category A-Sale of Corporate Debtor as a Going Concern** Date and Time of e-auction: 09.10.2025 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon | | |
| **Asset Set 1** | Sale of Corporate Debtor as going Concern including non-core assets (under Regulation 32(e) read with Regulation 32A) of Liquidation Process Regulations Specific exclusion: i. Cash and cash equivalents, other bank balances ii. Proceeds from ongoing litigations | **11.49 Crores** | **1.149 Crores** |
| | **Category B -Sale of Corporate Debtor as a Going Concern (In case no bids are received for auction under Category A)** Date and Time of e-auction: 09.10.2025 at 01.00 PM to 02.00 PM | | |
| **Asset Set 2** | Sale of Corporate Debtor as going concern excluding non-core assets (under Regulation 32(e) read with Regulation 32A) of Liquidation Process Regulations Specific exclusion: i. Cash and cash equivalents, other bank balances ii. Non-Core assets of the Corporate Debtor as mentioned in Category 'D'. iii. Proceeds from ongoing litigations | **6.03 Crores** | **0.603 Crores** |
| | **Category C -Sale of Corporate Debtor as a Going Concern (In case no bids are received for auction under Category A and B)** Date and Time of e-auction: 09.10.2025 at 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM | | |
| **Asset Set 3** | Sale of Corporate Debtor as going concern excluding non-core assets and movable assets at leased premises in Tamil Nadu(under Regulation 32(e) read with Regulation 32A) of Liquidation Process Regulations Specific exclusion: i. Cash and cash equivalents, other bank balances ii. Non-Core assets of the Corporate Debtor as mentioned in Category 'D'. iii. Proceeds from ongoing litigations | **5.36 Crores** | **0.536 Crores** |
| | **Category D -Sale of Non-core assets (only land parcels) (In case no bids are received for auction under Category A)** Date and Time of e-auction: 09.10.2025 at 05.00 PM to 06.00 PM | | |
| **Asset Set 4** | All the piece and parcel of a commercial plot at Sy No. 37-1, measuring 65.50 cents situated in Marakada Village, Mangaluru Taluk within Mangaluru City Corporation in the Registration Sub-district of Mangaluru, Karnataka | **96 Lakhs** | **9.60 Lakhs** |
| **Asset Set 5** | All the piece and parcel of six commercial Plots No.15,16,17,24,25, and 26 admeasuring 14,081.65 sq feet, situated in Bangra kuloor, Mangaluru | **2.13 Crores** | **0.213 Crores** |
| **Asset Set 6** | All the piece and parcel of a commercial plot at R.S.No.110/3, measuring 3.17 Acres situated in Bramhawar, Udupi | **2.63 Crores** | **0.263 Crores** |
| | **Category E Sale of Movable Assets at leased premises (only if no bids are received from Asset Category A or B or C)** Date and Time of e-auction: 10.10.2025 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon | | |
| **Asset Set 7** | Plant and Machinery together with a Vehicle located at D. No, 12/92 and 12/93, Padavu Post, Shakti Nagar, Kulshekar, Mangaluru, Karnataka | **54.00 Lakhs** | **5.40 Lakhs** |
| **Asset Set 8** | Plant and Machinery located at Sy.No 209/1 with D. No. 50/4A & 4B, Gingee Road, Thiruvamathur Village, Vikravandi Taluk, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu | **62.00 Lakhs** | **6.20 Lakhs** |
| **Asset Set 9** | Plant and Machinery together with Vehicles located at Sy. No. 261/6 and 267/2, Kattandikuppam, Panruti, Cuddalore District Tamil Nadu | **30.00 Lakhs** | **3.00 Lakhs** |
| | **Category F Sale of assets individual units (Movable and immovable properties) (In case no bids are received for auction under Category A or B or C)** Date and Time of e-auction: 10.10.2025 at 01.00 PM to 02.00 PM | | |
| **Asset Set 10** | **Industrial Property** (Movable and immovable assets) All the piece and parcels of the land measuring 100 cents, situated at, S.No.291/9P1, Kolalgiri, Uppoor Village, Udupi Taluk, Karnataka together with building, plant and machinery, furniture & fixtures, and vehicles. | **2.16 Crores** | **0.216 Crores** |
| | **Category G-Sale of movable Assets (In case no bids are received for auction under Asset Set 10)** Date and Time of e-auction: 10.10.2025 at 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM | | |
| **Asset Set 11** | **Machineries and movable Assets** Machineries at S.No.291/9P1, Kolalgiri, Uppoor Village, Udupi Taluk, Karnataka along with all movable assets and vehicles | **35.00 Lakhs** | **3.50 Lakhs** |
| | **Category H Sale of Immovable Assets (E-auction only if Asset set 11 gets bids and results in a successful auction)** Date and Time of e-auction: 10.10.2025 at 05.00 PM to 06.00 PM | | |
| **Asset Set 12** | **Immovable Asset (Land & Building)** All the piece and parcels of the land measuring 100 cents, situated at, S.No.291/9P1, Kolalgiri, Uppoor Village, Udupi Taluk , Karnataka together with building | **1.82 Crores** | **0.182 Crores** |

1. This Sale Notice shall be read with the Complete 'e-Auction Process Information Document' (Process Document) containing details of the Assets, eligibility, E-Auction Bid Form etc which is available at https://ibbi.baanknet.com/eauction-ibbi/home or can contact the Liquidator for further details.
2. Please note that in case the E-Auction for **Asset Category A or B or C** does not materialise for want of bidders etc, the assets shall be sold separately as per the above Table. The liquidator reserves the right to cancel the e-auction of any or all Assets Set under any or all category(ies) and /or set of assets being sold in the e-auction.
3. Interested bidders for the respective Category(ies) and/or Set of Asset(s) are required to submit the eligibility documents and EMD on or before **06.10.2025** as provided in the Process Document through the electronic platform only
4. The Liquidator reserves the right to amend the key terms of the sale process including timelines for any or all Category(ies) and/or Set of Assets(s) being sold in the e-auction, to the extent permissible under the applicable laws and regulations. Any information about the amendments/ extensions of any of the timelines with respect to the sale process timelines for any or all category(ies) and/or Set of Assets (s) will be available on the e-auction website and communicated to the Eligible/Qualified/Successful Bidder(s).
5. Prospective bidders shall deposit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through the Baanknet auction platform only. If the bidder is found ineligible, EMD shall be liable to be forfeited.
6. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a binding offer or commitment for sale of assets of the Company including Sale of the Company as a whole, on a going concern basis.

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**e-TENDER NOTICE**

**NIT No. – 404/PR/ JUSNL/ 2025-26**

E-tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part-I) and Financial (Part – II) is invited from reputed, capable, experienced and financially sound firm for the following works : -

| Name of work | Design, Engineering, Supply of Materials/ Equipments, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132 kV D/C Maithon – Tundi Transmission Line (44 Km.) on turnkey basis. |
|---|---|
| Estimated cost (Rs.) | Rs. 1,17,54,01,749.00 (including GST) |
| Earnest Money Deposit | Rs. 2,35,08,100.00 On line mode |
| Completion Period | 18 Months |
| e-Tender fee | Rs. 25,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode. |
| Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents | 17.09.2025 at 11:00 AM |
| Start Date and time of upload of BID | 17.09.2025 at 11:00 AM |
| End date and time of upload of BID | 13.10.2025 upto 04:00 PM |
| BID Opening date for technical part | 14.10.2025 at 04:00 PM |
| BID Opening date for price part | Will be communicated |
| Procurement Officer and address for communication | General Manager, C&M (NWBP), 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002 |

1. e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, tender specification can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned **(6202162568)** during office hours.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only.
3. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

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**Letter No - 2/PMC/Misc-68/2003 (Part-II) ..... /Ranchi, Dated: -.....**

1. The formation of the First Jharkhand Water Resources Commission was notified vide resolution no.-462, dated-13.06.2025.
2. In light of the above resolution, Water Resources Department (WRD), Government of Jharkhand (GoJ), Ranchi, invites applications in the enclosed format for the selection of full-time members (technical personnel) on a contract basis for the establishment of the First Jharkhand Water Resources Commission.
3. Honorarium, Qualification, Experience and Upper Age Limit is as following:

| S. No. | Name of Post | No. of Posts | Honorarium per Month (in Rs.) | Qualification | Experience | Upper Age Limit |
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| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. | Water Resources Development Specialist | 1 | 1,80,700 | BE/BTech/B.Sc. Engg. in Civil Engineering Discipline. Preference will be given to ME/MTech/M.Sc. Engg./Phd having specialization in the field of Water Resources Engineering. | Minimum 20 years academic/field experience in the field of Water Resources Development (Not below the rank of Chief Engineer) | 62 Years |
| 2. | Hydrology Specialist | 1 | 1,80,700 | BE/BTech/B.Sc. Engg. in Civil Engineering Discipline. Preference will be given to ME/MTech/ M.Sc. Engg./M.Sc. Geology with specialization in Hydro Geology / Phd having specialization in the field of Integrated Water Resource Management. | Minimum 20 years academic/field experience in the field of Integrated Water Resource Management with focus on Ground Water Development and Management (Not below the rank of Chief Engineer) | 62 Years |
| 3. | Soil Conservation/ Agriculture Specialist | 1 | 1,80,700 | BE/BTech/B.Sc. Engg. in Agriculture Engineering. Preference will be given to ME/ MTech/M.Sc. Engg./Phd having specialization in the field of Soil water Conservation/Agronomy. | Minimum 20 years academic/field experience in the field of Soil water Conservation / agronomy (Not below the rank of Chief Engineer) | 62 Years |
| 4. | Water Resources Development Specialist | 2 | 1,69,900 | BE/BTech/B.Sc. Engg. in Civil Engineering Discipline. Preference will be given to ME/MTech/M.Sc. Engg./Phd having specialization in the field of Water Resources Engineering. | Minimum 20 years academic/field experience in the field of Water Resources Development (Not below the rank of Superintending Engineer) | 62 Years |
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4. Honorarium is based on notification no.-1284, dated-03.05.2023 of the Finance Department, Government of Jharkhand and is subject to change as per latest notification of the Finance Department, Government of Jharkhand.
5. The services of Full Time Members shall be rendered for the tenure of the Commission i.e. two (02) years (24 months). The tenure of two (02) years shall be counted from the date of first meeting of the Commission.
6. The Full Time Members shall be responsible to function as per the requirements of Terms of Reference (ToR) of the First Jharkhand Water Resources Commission. The Terms of Reference of the Commission can be accessed via resolution no.-462, dated- 13.06.2025, published in the e-Gazette of Jharkhand vide extraordinary gazette no.-273, dated- 20.06.2025 at: https://egazette.jharkhand.gov.in/
7. These full-time members shall be selected by the State Government on recommendation of a high-level selection committee.
8. The calculation of age will be done with reference to 01.08.2025.
9. Eligible candidates shall be intimated to appear for interview before the high-level selection committee along with their application with C.V. in the enclosed application format, and original certificates.
10. Candidates having requisite qualification may submit their application along with CV in the enclosed format to the undersigned, latest by 30.09.2025 up to 5:00 P.M, through speed post /e-mail.
11. TA/DA shall not be payable for attending the interview.
12. No Claim for regularization can be made for any post at any point of time.
13. The decision of the High-Level Selection Committee shall be final and binding on all. The committee reserves all rights to select or reject any/all of applications/candidatures at any time of selection process.
14. The hiring of the Full-Time Members shall be done purely on contract basis and WRD, GoJ, reserves all rights to dispense the services of these Full-Time Members before the completion of tenure, if found unsatisfactory.
15. The notice, the format of application and resolution no.-462, dated-13.06.2025 is also available on the departmental website having URL: https://wrd.jharkhand.gov.in

**(Bijay Kumar Bhagat)**
**Joint Secretary (Engg.)**
Water Resources Department Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
E-mail ID: - jseceng-wrd-jhr@nic.in

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# Hassan accident: Govt declares Rs 5L ex gratia

**HASSAN, DHNS:** The state government has declared a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the family of the victims of Hassan accident.

At least eight people died and over 20 sustained injuries after a truck ploughed into Ganesha immersion procession at Mosale Hosahalli in Hassan taluk on Friday night.

In a post on social media platform X, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said that he was deeply shocked by the accident.

### 'Treatment expenses'

He said that the government will bear the treatment expenses of the injured. "This is a very painful moment. Let us stand together with the families of affected people," he said.

# '40% commission' allegation: Govt forms study panel

## Judicial commission did not find any conclusive evidence

BENGALURU, DHNS

Under pressure to give credence to its pre-poll "40% commission" allegation against the BJP, the Congress government has formed a new committee to study a judicial commission's report that did not find any conclusive evidence to back the charge.

The state government has issued an order appointing retired IAS officer Sudhir Krishna as the head of a committee to study the Justice H N Nagamohan Das Commission's report on corruption allegations in public works carried out between July 26, 2019 and March 31, 2023, the period during which the BJP was in power.

Krishna's committee has retired chief engineers Srinivas, K P Shivakumar among others as members.

In August 2023, the Congress government asked Justice Das to probe the "40% commission" allegation, which became the warcry against the then BJP regime.

However, in its report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in March 2025, the Justice Das Commission stated that the Karnataka State Contractors Association (KSCA) had failed to prove its corruption allegation. The KSCA gave Justice Das documents running into 1,593 pages, but none contained any evidence to corroborate the claim, according to the report.

"The 40% commission allegation may not be 100% true," the Commission concluded.

Justice Das' Commission found several cases of procedural lapses in works that were taken up between July 26, 2019 and March 31, 2023. The "delays in the pre- and post-tender processes, legal violations and nepotism" showed corruption, it said. But evidence for the claim that ministers, elected representatives and officials sought kickbacks as high as 40% of a tender's cost was not forthcoming.

However, Justice Das found merit in kickback allegations levelled against former BJP lawmakers G H Thippareddy (Chitradurga) and Roopali Naik (Karwar). Corruption allegations against Public Works Department (PWD) engineer S F Patil was also found to be genuine. This was based on testimonies of contractors.

Contractors R Manjunath and Madhava Babu Naik testified before Justice Das on corruption charges against Thippareddy and Roopali Naik, respectively. Another contractor Mallanagouda Sankagouda Shani testified against Patil.

Recently, Justice Das gave another report to the government on irregularities to the tune of Rs 3,049.35 crore under the now-dissolved Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) between 2019 and 2022 when the BJP was in power.

# St Mary metro station: Talk to Centre, CM tells Fadnavis

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asserted on Friday that his government will recommend naming the Shivajinagar metro station after St Mary, and asked his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis to take it up with the Centre.

Siddaramaiah was reacting to Fadnavis opposing the state government's proposal to name the Shivajinagar station after St Mary, which the latter said would be an "insult to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj".

Asked about this, Siddaramaiah said: "Let him (Fadnavis) speak to the Government of India. We will send (our recommendation) to them (Centre). Let him talk to them."

On September 8, at the annual St Mary's Basilica feast, Siddaramaiah said his government would recommend to the Centre naming the Shivajinagar metro station after St Mary. This drew criticism from some quarters, including the BJP, which accused the Congress of minority appeasement.

On social media, netizens asked the government to consider late actor Shankar Nag's name instead as he had proposed a metro-like mass transit system for Bengaluru in the 1980s.

Reacting to Fadnavis' remarks, Home Minister G Parameshwara wondered why the Maharashtra chief minister was interested in a matter concerning Bengaluru. "Decisions regarding naming metro stations will be taken by the minister in charge of Bengaluru and Deputy Chief Minister (D K Shivakumar)," he said.

On Thursday, Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy accused the Congress government of "appeasement politics" and said naming a metro station should not be religion-based.

# Over 80 students suffer from food poisoning in Belagavi

**CHIKKODI (BELAGAVI DISTRICT), DHNS:** More than 80 students of Morarji Desai Residential School from Hirekodi village in Chikkodi taluk suffered from food poisoning after having breakfast on Friday.

They have been admitted at government hospital at Chikkodi town for treatment.

As soon as the students complained of vomiting, stomach pain, unease in breathing and other symptoms after having breakfast, they were shifted in ambulances and cabs to the hospitals.

A total of 37 boys have been admitted at taluk hospital, 33 girls in maternity and child hospital, 3 boys and 7 girls in other hospitals.

### 'Signs of recovery'

Students were showing signs of recovery and a girl whose condition was serious has been shifted to Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences District Hospital for treatment.

State Representative to New Delhi-2 and MLC Prakash Hukkeri visited the hospital and inquired health of the students. He allayed their fears and assured them of support during the treatment.

Hukkeri visited the hostel and took the staff to task and directed them to maintain hygiene in the premises.

# Govt officially caps movie tickets at Rs 200; multiplexes spared

## Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation cries foul

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka Government officially capped the price of cinema tickets at Rs 200 across the state on Friday.

As per the official notification, the price cap, exclusive of taxes, applies to screenings of films in all languages across all theatres, including multiplexes. The notification is a part of the newly amended Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

However, the new rule will not apply to multiscreen cinemas offering premium facilities with 75 or fewer seats. It is set to be effective from the date of its final publication in the Official Gazette.

The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce has welcome the move, stating that it would greatly benefit the Kannada movie industry.

"This was much-needed, because Bengaluru had one of the highest ticket fares in the city. Going to the movies had become a luxury for people. But this new order will make movie theatres more accessible to the public and, in turn, benefit the film industry. It will work in both the industry and exhibitors' favour in the long run," said Narasimhalu, president.

However, not everyone is happy with the notification. The Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation plans to reach out to the State government to explain the biases for the new order being passed.

"While we have come to agree on the price cap, the clause that it would not apply to multiplexes offering premium facilities with 75 seats or fewer is a biased one. The government is trying to differentiate between multiplexes and single screens, which is unfair. Our single-screen theatres also offer premium facilities and are no less than the big-name multiplexes. We will not accept this unfair treatment," said R R Odugoudar, association president.

The price regulation follows a draft notification issued earlier this year, in July, which had allowed the public to submit suggestions and objections. The state government had also previously attempted to regulate ticket prices in 2017, though the attempt was unsuccessful due to the High Court's intervention.

A motorist wades through a flooded Dajiban Peth in Hubballi on Friday. The city received heavy showers in the evening. DH PHOTO

# Sudden showers catch Hubballi unawares; Kalyana K'taka dists continue to receive heavy rain

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** After a week-long dry spell, Hubballi city and surrounding areas received heavy rain on Friday. After the overcast conditions in the morning, skies opened up at around 1 pm and it rained heavily for the next four hours.

The sudden showers, coupled with the ongoing civic works, caused grave hardships to the commuters in the city. The sharp spell left the city roads and BRTS corridor inundated with rainwater.

Rainwater gushed into the homes in several low-lying areas like Anand Nagar, SM Krishna Nagar, K B Nagar and Yellapur Oni. Several shopkeepers in Koppikar Road, Dajiban Peth and MG Market had a torrid time in draining out the rainwater from their establishments.

Many parts of Kalyana Karnataka continued to receive moderate to heavy rains for the third consecutive day on Friday. Kalaburagi city and parts of the district, including Kalagi, Jewargi and Chittapur taluks, received a sharp spell while Bidar city and surrounding areas experienced rain intermittently from morning till noon.

The road connectivity between Hulasuru and Basavakalyan was cut off following the flooding of a bridge near Belur.

Standing crops, including green pigeon peas (togari), soya, maize and tur, on hundreds of acres have been damaged due to high amounts of moisture in several taluks of Kalaburagi and Bidar districts.

Parts of Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal also recorded good rainfall.

# Maddur police book Yatnal for 'hate speech'

**MADDUR (MANDYA DIST), DHNS:** A day after Maddur police filed suo motu case against BJP leader and MLC C T Ravi for his inflammatory comments during mass Ganesha idol immersion programme, a case has also been booked against Bijapur City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for his provocative speech during his visit to the town on Thursday.

Basanagouda Patil Yatnal

Yatnal, who was expelled from the BJP, visited the town in the wake of the stone-throwing incident reported during Ganesha idol procession on August 7.

He addressed a gathering at Sri Ramamandira Park following a motorbike jatha organised on the occasion.

Based on the complaint lodged by PSI Manjunath, who claimed that Yatnal had delivered a provocative speech while addressing the gathering, the police have filed an FIR against the Bijapur City MLA.

## MYSURU ILLUMINATED

A view of illuminated Kukkarahalli Road ahead of Dasara festivities in Mysuru on Friday. DH PHOTO/ANUP RAGH T

# Kathmandu airport reopens, Kannadigas fly home safely

BENGALURU, DHNS

Kannadigas and other Indians stranded in Kathmandu of restive Nepal, due to anti-corruption protests, have finally returned home after Tribhuvan International Airport reopened on Wednesday evening and resumed flights on Thursday.

Speaking to *DH*, Rajani Maski, part of the 39-member Kannadiga group, said she boarded a Nepal Airlines flight at 2 pm on Thursday and landed in Bengaluru the same evening.

### Ticket prices normal

Ticket prices normalised with Nepal Airlines charging about Rs 11,000 compared to Indian carriers charging Rs 20,000. Due to high demand, Nepal Airlines upgraded to a larger aircraft and honoured the original fares for passengers who waited.

Many Indians, who had stayed in a three-star hotel, left on Thursday and Friday paying anything between Rs 11,000 and Rs 20,000, less than the inflated rates seen while the airport was closed.

"The situation has improved. I saw young people clearing heaps and heaps of debris for the vehicles to pass," said Manish, another native of Karnataka.

Air India added two extra flights to Delhi, while Nepal Airlines operated direct services to Bengaluru, Delhi, and Chennai.

# Bengaluru travellers cancel spiritual trips to Nepal

**ASRA MAVAD**
BENGALURU, DHNS

The political unrest in Nepal has led to tourists across the city cancelling trips to the neighbouring country. Most travel agencies across the city have seen an almost 100% cancellation in bookings.

September to November is usually considered the ideal time to visit Nepal, due to clear skies and pleasant weather. It is around this time that city dwellers often plan trips to Nepal for spiritual tourism, covering popular sights such as the Muktinath Temple, Pashupatinath Temple, Lumbini, and Janaki Temple.

"October is especially popular, as it offers a perfect window between the heavy monsoons and their extreme winters. Since the crowd that books the spiritual trips is usually older, they prefer going in October and November as it is the safest. The protests are going to have a bad impact on Nepal's tourism," said Rajith Bhanumurthi, managing director of the Yeshwantpur-based travel agency. His company had three trips planned across September 11 and 27, and October 8 — all three with about 40 members in each, remain cancelled.

"The situation obviously caused panic among the tourists, so we're getting constant calls for cancellations and refunds. We don't know how to cope with this loss, because we have several local Nepali flights booked, and the airlines so far have only cancelled flights to Kathmandu, but not across the rest of the state," he elaborated.

As per service operators, the spiritual tours are the most popular among tourists in the age group 40-60. The 7-9 day tours usually cost around Rs 70,000 to Rs 90,000.

Adigas Yatra in Gandhi Bazaar has also cancelled all their upcoming Nepal packages until October.

"Since this is the peak season, we had two-three trips planned each month. Even though the trips are taking place later in the year, people wanted to cancel. But we're trying to convince them that postponing would be a better idea," said Mahesh, the manager. Vijayanagar-based AatmaNirbhar Tours has also cancelled its spiritual tours in October.

# State to roll out new textile policy, says minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

In a major move to revitalise textile sector in Karnataka, the state government will soon unveil a new Textile Policy 2025–30 aimed at attracting substantial investments and generating nearly two lakh employment opportunities, announced Minister for Textiles, Sugarcane Development, Sugar, and Agricultural Marketing Shivanand Patil on Friday.

The announcement followed a high-level consultative meeting at Vidhana Soudha, where the minister met with MLAs, MLCs, and key stakeholders from the textile industry to gather inputs and recommendations for shaping the new policy.

He responded "positively" to the demands of the stakeholders to include non-leather footwear and shoe industries, which fall under the small industries category, in the new textile policy framework. "All suggestions received today will be given due weightage," Patil said. "Steps conducive to the development of the textile sector are already being taken," he added.

Highlighting the state's proactive steps toward industrial development, Minister Patil revealed that a textile research centre will be established in Belagavi, which will serve as a hub for innovation and development in the sector.

# Now, Thimarody seeks probe into 4 'unnatural deaths' in D'sthala lodges

MANGALURU, DHNS

Activist Mahesh Shetty Thimarody has filed a complaint with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) at its Belthangady office on Thursday late night, demanding an investigation into four unnatural deaths that occurred between 2006 and 2010 in various lodges in Dharmasthala village.

In his complaint, Mahesh alleged that the unnatural deaths that took place in three lodges could potentially be cases of murder, and therefore the SIT must conduct a thorough investigation.

Along with the complaint, he submitted documents obtained under the Right to Information Act.

He mentioned the death of a 50-55-year-old unidentified man reported on February 28, 2006; body of a woman found on April 13, 2006; body of a 30-35-year-old man found on August 3, 2007, and the body of another unidentified man found on September 28, 2010 in his complaint.

According to him, all deaths were recorded as unidentified death reports (UDR) as per the police records. The bodies were declared "unidentified" and hurriedly buried through the gram panchayat. Even though there were suspicions of murder or suicide, no FIRs were registered, which raises serious doubts, Mahesh alleged in his complaint.

SIT sources said "Only after thoroughly studying the complaint by Thimarody, we will decide on whether to proceed with a detailed investigation."

Meanwhile, a video of Vittal Gowda claiming to have seen several bodies buried at Banglegudde near Nethravathi bathing ghat has gone viral on social media.

However, sources in the SIT have declined the claim made by Gowda.

The SIT sources maintained that the viral video claims made by Gowda do not carry immediate legal weight since he is free to issue statements..

### Statement recorded

Meanwhile, The Special Investigation Team (SIT) produced Pradeep, a close associate of Sowjanya's uncle Vittal Gowda before the JMFC court in Belthangady on Friday to record his statement before the judge.

SIT sources clarified that he was produced only for recording the statement and not for arrest purposes. "Pradeep will not be treated as a complainant witness in the case. He was produced before the court solely for recording the statement. There is no arrest at this stage," sources added.

His statement was recorded for two hours before the judge. Earlier in the day, the SIT interrogated Pradeep, a resident of Bantwal. Pradeep is close associate of Vittal Gowda, who was earlier questioned on suspicion of involvement in the skull case initially presented before the court by the complainant witness. Meanwhile, the order on the bail application of the complainant-witness has been posted for September 16.

# Internal quota struggle body urges CM to replace min, officials

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Internal Reservation Struggle Committee for Social Justice on Friday urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to replace all top functionaries of the Social Welfare Department, including minister H C Mahadevappa, to protect the interests of all 101 Scheduled Castes.

"Social Welfare Department Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa, Principal Secretary Major Manivannan, Commissioner Rakesh Kumar, Joint Secretary Kalavathi and Scheduled Caste Special Plan/ Tribal Special Plan (SCSP/TSP) advisor Venkataiah are all related to the same community. Prima facie, it looks like the social welfare department is under the complete control of one community, which is undesirable to the interests of 101 SC communities....Thus, the minister should be given a different portfolio and officials should be transferred to other departments," a letter addressed to the chief minister said.

A delegation of leaders from the committee met Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh.

They expressed dissatisfaction at the government's decision to allow people registered as Adi Karnataka, Adi Dravida and Adi Andhra (AK, AD and AA) to register either under category A (Madiga and related castes) or category B (Holeya and related castes).

They noted that this would allow members of category B to obtain jobs instead of category A aspirants due to "greater merit."

"The revenue department should issue an order that those registered as AK, AD and AA should obtain a caste certificate of their original caste (moola jati), and the Centre should be asked to remove AK, AD and AA from the list of SCs.

### Letter to Rahul

The Confederation of Untouchable Nomadic Communities of Karnataka shot off a letter to top Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, stating that 1,000 persons from nomadic SC communities would meet him in Delhi on October 2 (Gandhi Jayanti).

The letter urged Rahul to ensure that justice is provided to the nomadic communities, which are fighting for reservation. These communities are seeking a separate 1% reservation.

## 'Christian converts must identify as Christians'

Religious, from Page 1

When asked if the government will classify such people based on their caste or religion, Siddaramaiah said the commission would decide. The commission, he said, will submit its survey report by December.

At present, Christians in Karnataka come under OBC Category-3B with a 5% reservation. Scheduled Castes who have converted to Christianity are listed separately under Category-1 with a 4% reservation.

In the 2015 survey, the 'Adi Dravida Christians' formed the largest sub-caste under Christianity. Adi Dravida is a Scheduled Caste.

The BJP immediately pounced on Siddaramaiah's statement on the contentious matter. "Your statement that those who convert to Christianity are Christians is a sham because the commission has allotted codes for nomenclatures containing the names of the original caste and their (Christian) religion," BJP's V Sunil Kumar told the CM.

"If such people will go on to claim benefits as backward classes and Scheduled Castes, it'll create further confusion and trouble," Kumar said, reiterating the BJP's demand that nomenclatures containing Hindu caste names must be removed from the commission's list.

Commission chairperson Madusudhan R Naik acknowledged the problem around caste-based religious identities.

"The Jayaprakash Hegde Commission (which analysed the 2015 survey) separated Christians from others during evaluation," Naik told reporters. "I can't comment now on what we'll do."

Naik specified that the commission cannot remove any caste names from its list.

"During the survey, we'll have to give an opportunity to all. If we remove castes from the list, there'll be confusion. Removals, inclusions or mergers will happen after the survey during evaluation by our experts," he said.

## 'My vote my right' theme for Int'l Democracy Day: Mahadevappa

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Social Welfare Minister H C Mahadevappa said on Friday that the state government would observe the International Day of Democracy on September 15, under the theme 'my vote my right.'

Addressing a news conference, Mahadevappa said: "The programme will be held at Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha. It will begin with the arrival of bike rallies from all district headquarters. The event will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa."

During the event, the Chief Minister will felicitate meritorious PU students from Karnataka Residential Institutions Education Society (KREIS).

He pointed out that the theme underscores the voter's role in shaping governance and highlights voting as both a right and a responsibility - a way to uphold the constitutional values.

# 'King Cobra scandal': Research nod expired in 2017, show documents

## 'Probe on ARRS' activities done, inquiry on KCRE's work soon'

**CHIRANJEEVI KULKARNI**
BENGALURU: DHNS:

Days after *DH*'s report on unauthorised commercial activities in the name of research on King Cobras in the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of Someshwara wildlife sanctuary in Agumbe, it has now come to light that the forest department's permission to the two research centres at the centre of the controversy has expired.

This has prompted the department to begin inquiry.

Documents show that the permission for research on King Cobras (Opheophagus hannah) given to P Gowri Shankar of the Kalinga Centre for Research on Ecology (KCRE) expired as far back as 2017, raising questions over the legality of the capture and relocation of snakes.

Similarly, the permission given to Agumbe Rainforest Research Station (ARRS) expired in 2024.

Shankar's PhD guide Prof Kartik Shankar received permission to "collect only one specimen".

Official sources said in the case of ARRS, a recommendation was made to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFF) for renewal of permission, but the same was pending.

In the absence of permission, KCRE has held workshops for more than five years.

One particular programme titled King Cobra bionomics and conservation workshop was "timed to match the breeding season" of the snake.

The dates for 2025 was from March 7 to 9 with the tariff fixed between Rs 10,945 and Rs 15,069 for "early bird" registrations. Held at its Agumbe centre located in the ESZ, the workshop included day and night herping.

Following *DH* queries by including in them soft copies of the webpages, the KCRE website has been stripped of details regarding tariff and dates. However, *DH* has copies of the pages.

A file photo of the King Cobra. Forests and wildlife can't become private properties of a few influential people, say experts.

Besides the lack of permission from the ESZ monitoring committee for its activities, the KCRE workshop showcases "live rescue operation".

Considering the commercial aspects involved in the workshop and the monetisation of visuals from such "rescues", the centre's activities are riddled with conflict of interest besides raising questions about legalities.

Section 12 of the Wildlife Protection Act does permit the chief wildlife warden to grant permission "by an order in writing stating the reasons to kill, capture, snare, trap, drive or bait any wild animal". However, ever since King Cobra attained Schedule 1 status, such permission will now have to come from the MoEFF. Responding to questions from *DH* to KCRE, Gowri Shankar told this correspondent that his centre had helped conserve the landscape.

"I bought the land probably in 2008-09 and turned it into a green zone," he said.

Asked about commercial activities in the ESZ, including resort-like services, Shankar said, running a research centre was a complex operation and required revenue generation. "I have asked my team to remove tariffs," he said.

On the lack of permission to conduct research, the basis of KCRE's existence, Shankar said: "Should we shut down an entire organisation till we get permission?"

Kudremukh wildlife division deputy conservator of forests Sivaram Babu M, member secretary of the ESZ monitoring committee, said an inquiry would be conducted.

"We have just concluded our inquiry into the activities at ARRS. As per instructions from the higher-ups, an inquiry will be taken up into KCRE's activities," he said.

Shankar refuted allegations that he had captured snakes in the forest. "In almost all rescue operations, we had forest officers nearby. There were cases when foresters couldn't reach on time. However, officers were present every time we released a snake. I have maintained a document trail of every rescue operation," he said.

Conservationist Akhilesh Chipli, however, said the question went beyond conflict of interest.

"They are using a charismatic snake to sell a commercial activity to rich people with big cameras. We are surprised at the forest department's response to this scandal. Forests and wildlife can't become private properties of a few influential people. Expertise on wildlife doesn't give ownership," he said.

The car driver pulled into the service road near the Windsor Manor bridge to avoid traffic disruption.

## Car goes up in flames near CM's residence; alert driver averts fire accident & traffic jam

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A car driver's presence of mind averted a major fire accident and a traffic jam during the Friday morning rush hour, just a stone's throw from the official residence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, officials said.

Sachin, a software professional from Koramangala, was travelling to the sub-registrar's office in Ganganagar in his Fiat Linea, driven by his chauffer Venkatesh.

As they neared the Windsor Manor bridge—about 200 metres from the chief minister's residence — the driver noticed smoke in the car's engine. He immediately pulled over into the service road near the bridge, and both of them got off. This caused minimal disruption to the traffic on Sankey Road.

The car caught fire as soon as the driver lifted the bonnet to determine the source of the smoke. Sachin managed to retrieve documents and personal belongings from the car, officials said.

Police personnel deployed near the roundabout rushed to the scene and removed the car.

An officer from the High Grounds police station said that the car's tyre and diesel tank had exploded and that an investigation was underway into what had caused it.

The fire force dispatched a vehicle after receiving a phone call at 11.22 am. "The fire was doused by 11.45 am. It seems to be a case of short circuit," an officer said. "It was an old Fiat car, probably 15 years or older."

## Maddur inspector suspended, ASP transferred

**MADDUR (MANDYA DIST), DHNS:** After the stone-pelting incident created tension at Maddur town for the last four days, the state government transferred Additional Superintendent of Police C E Thimmaiah on Thursday. However, the government has not specified any reason for his transfer.

Meanwhile, Maddur Town Police Inspector Shivakumar has been kept under suspension for not being on the scene, during the stone-pelting incident, during the Ganesha idol immersion procession on Sunday, according to police sources.

## K'taka-origin motel manager beheaded in front of wife & son in US; co-worker arrested

HOUSTON, PTI

A 50-year-old Indian-origin motel manager in the US was beheaded in front of his wife and son in Texas following a dispute over a washing machine, police said.

The suspect, a co-worker with a criminal record, has been arrested and charged with capital murder. The incident took place on Wednesday morning at the Downtown Suites motel in Dallas.

Chandra Mouli "Bob" Nagamallaiah, originally from Karnataka, was killed after a dispute over a broken washing machine with his 37-year-old Cuban co-worker Yordanis Cobos-Martinez, according to the Dallas Police Department.

Cobos-Martinez reportedly became enraged when Nagamallaiah asked another person to translate his instructions instead of addressing him directly. Surveillance footage showed Cobos-Martinez attacking Nagamallaiah with a machete.

The victim fled toward the motel office, where his wife and 18-year-old son were present.

Nagamallaiah's wife and son tried to intervene several times, but Cobos-Martinez pushed them away and continued the attack. He then took the victim's cell phone and key card from his pockets before again resuming the attack until Nagamallaiah's head "was removed from his body", police said in court affidavit.

"The suspect then kicked the (Nagamallaiah's) head twice into the parking lot and proceeded to pick it up and carry it to the dumpster and put it inside," police said.

The crime is "unthinkable", they said.

Cobos-Martinez is being held without bond. If convicted, he could face life imprisonment without parole or the death penalty. The Consulate General of India in Houston condoled the death of Nagamallaiah and said it is following up on the matter closely.

"We are in touch with the family and offering all possible assistance. The accused is in the custody of Dallas Police," it said in a post on X.

Consul General D C Manjunath told PTI that the mission is providing full consular support to the victim's family.

Known as Bob to friends and family, Nagamallaiah was remembered as a loving husband, devoted father, and kind soul who touched the lives of everyone he knew.

Funeral services for Nagamallaiah are scheduled for Saturday.

### SCIENCE IN ACTION

Students observe science experiments at the 'Science In Action' exhibition at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Friday. The three-day event, scheduled from September 12 to14, features around 80 students from various city schools demonstrating 26 interesting experiments. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

## Sharavathi power project: Activists flag violation of compensatory afforestation rules

**CHIRANJEEVI KULKARNI**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Civil society activists have flagged a major violation in the land identified for the compensatory afforestation (CA) in lieu of the diversion of forest land for the pumped storage project proposed by the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) in the Sharavathi Lion Tailed Macaque sanctuary.

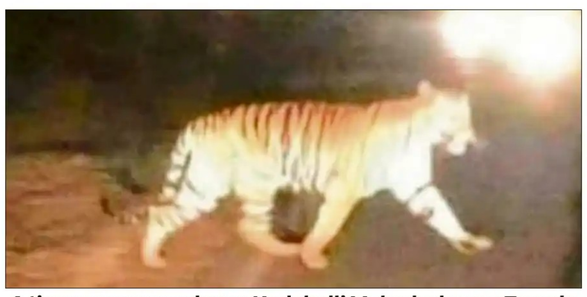
As per the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, agencies seeking forest land for development activities have to provide equal extent of non-forest land to compensate for the loss of green cover. Accordingly, 133.80 acres (54.15 ha) in two villages of Chikkamagaluru taluk.

However, activists from Jana Sangrama Parishath have pointed to glaring errors in the identification of the non-forest land. They noted that deputy conservator of forests, Chikkamagaluru Division, in point number 3 of the CA suitability certificate, has described the identified land as a naturally grown "shola forest" adjacent to Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary.

Referring to the Supreme Court order in the Godavarman case defining the forest "according to the dictionary meaning" of the word regardless of the ownership and legal classification, they questioned the compensation accepted by the forest department. They questioned the provision of such land as CA land.

Moreover, as per government notification dated January 29, 2011, the identified CA land parcel has been notified as part of Bhadra Tiger Reserve." Interestingly, the DCF Chikkamagaluru, who has conducted the site inspection, has overlooked the fact that the said land parcel is part of a tiger reserve," the letter by Akhilesh Chipli said.

Chipli said the DCF ignored the redflags and stuck to his stand, which has not changed even after the deputy inspector general of forests, regional office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, deemed the land unfit for rising CA. Chipli sought immediate rectification of the error failing, he said, the activists will seek legal remedies. More than 770 activists have signed a petition written to the Deputy Director General of Forests, Regional Office, Bengaluru.



A tiger crosses road near Kodahalli Mahadeshwara Temple in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district. DH PHOTO

## Tiger sighted in Gundlupet taluk; villagers panic

**GUNDLUPET (CHAMARAJANAGAR DIST), DHNS:** A tiger suddenly appeared and crossed the road, creating panic among the road users and villagers near Kodahalli Mahadeshwara Temple in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district on Friday.

They immediately alerted the Forest department officers of Gundlupet buffer zone. It is suspected that the tiger might have passed through Kodahalli, Hullepura and Bommalapura villages.

It is suspected that it might be the same tiger that has been attacking the livestock and creating panic among the people of Bommalapura and surrounding villages.

The Forest department is continuing the combing operation, to trap the tiger that still remains elusive.

## Mystery car parked near DyCM's residence traced to ex-MLA

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** A car with a fake number plate found near Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's residence in Sadashivanagar has been traced to former Magadi MLA A Manjunath, police investigations show.

The car was reportedly being used by a Congress worker named Krishnamurthy.

Manu M, a traffic police constable, spotted a white Toyota Fortuner (KA 51 MW 6814) blocking the road at 18th Cross, 7th 'A' Main, on September 7. Evidently, the car had been parked for several hours.

A quick search on the MCCTNS app showed it belonged to an Electronics City resident named H Deepak. When the constable called him up to remove the car, Deepak said his vehicle was in the parking lot outside his house.

A careful examination of the licence plate then revealed the actual number (KA 42 P 6606) hidden beneath. A search on MCCTNS showed it was registered at the Ramanagara Regional Transport Office in the name of the former JD(S) MLA.

Responding to a police notice, the former legislator stated that the car was given to a Congress worker named Krishnamurthy during the 2023 assembly elections and that he continues to use it.

# 2 years after Meitei-Kuki conflict, PM to land in Manipur today

Manipur, from Page 1

He will meet the displaced persons, women, elderly and youths before laying foundations of the projects.

After addressing a public meeting at the Peace Ground, he will later take a helicopter to Imphal, where too he will first meet representatives of the displaced persons on the campus of the highly projected ancient Kangla Fort, the seat of power of the erstwhile Manipur kingdom.

He will then inaugurate the projects. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla will attend both the events. Manipur has remained under President's Rule since February.

In fact, Manipur will be the PM's second stop in the Northeast on Saturday, after he lands in Mizoram in the morning where he will inaugurate the first railway line connecting the state capital Aizawl with the rest of India. After the Manipur meetings, Modi will head to Assam, where he will attend the birth centenary celebrations of legendary singer, musician Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika, in Guwahati.

Large billboards highlighting developmental projects have been put up at several places in Imphal, Churachandpur and elsewhere to welcome the PM.

But many community level leaders in both the Valley and in the hills on Friday told *DH* that people's focus is not on the projects but on finding a solution to the conflict that has kept Manipur on the boil since May 3, 2023.

"The PM kept avoiding Manipur when it burnt, many died and got displaced. Now, when he is coming, we want him to make significant announcements here to end the conflict and restore peace," Soumendra Singh, a resident, who lives near the Kangla Fort, told *DH*.

"But the way they are trying to highlight only developmental projects, it does not look like he will have something concrete to change the situation." The Meiteis demand an NRC to detect "illegal Chin Kuki migrants" from neighbouring Myanmar, abrogation of the suspension of operations agreements with the Kuki rebel groups and a crackdown on the illegal poppy cultivation, smuggling of drugs and arms.

The Kukis, on the other hand, says a "separate administration" with a legislature is the only way towards lasting peace. "We are entirely relying on the Centre to fulfil the demand under the Constitution and end the conflict forever," Sominthang Doungel, an advisor of Kuki Inpi Manipur, told *DH* in Churachandpur, on Friday.

A BJP leader in Imphal told *DH* that further delay in formation of a government in the state and finding a solution to the conflict would erode BJP's support base among the people, particularly in the Valley.

BJP lost the two Lok Sabha seats in Manipur during the general elections conducted last year amid the conflict. The Opposition Congress has repeatedly attacked Modi for not visiting Manipur to end the conflict.

The PM is visiting the state amid a "boycott call" by six Valley-based armed groups and "non-cooperation" by Meira Paibis, an influential Meitei women vigilante group.

Kuki Zo Council, the apex body engaged in talks with the Centre, however, welcomed Modi's visit calling it "rare and historic".

### ◆ WEATHER ◆

**Overview:** Rainfall occurred at few places over North Interior and at most places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka
**Forecast Sept 13:** Rainfall to occur at many places over the state.

**INTERIOR NORTH**

| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Belagavi | 25.6 | 19.8 | 00 |
| Bidar | 26.2 | 20.4 | 15.6 |
| Vijayapura | 27.2 | 21.5 | 06 |
| Dharwad | 27.6 | 19.5 | 00 |
| Haveri | 26.8 | 21 | 00 |
| Kalaburagi | 27.6 | 22.6 | 6.3 |
| Raichur | 28 | 22 | 02 |
| **COASTAL** | | | |
| Honnavar | 30.3 | 23.9 | 00 |
| Karwar | 30.8 | 25.6 | 00 |
| Shirali | NA | NA | NA |
| Mangaluru | 30.5 | 22.5 | 00 |

**INTERIOR SOUTH**

| Stations | Max | Min | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agumbe | NA | NA | 00 |
| Bengaluru | 26 | 20.7 | 00 |
| Ballari | NA | NA | NA |
| Chamarajanagar | 29.7 | 20.2 | 00 |
| Chikkamagaluru | NA | NA | NA |
| Chitradurga | 27 | 20.6 | 00 |
| Davangere | 27 | 20 | 00 |
| Hassan | 27.5 | 18.5 | 00 |
| Mysuru | 29 | 19 | 00 |
| Madikeri | NA | NA | NA |
| Kolar | 26.6 | 18.3 | 00 |

**OTHER STATIONS**

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|---|---|---|---|
| New Delhi | 34 | 24.3 | 00 |
| Kolkata | 35.6 | 28.2 | 0.4 |
| Mumbai | 31.5 | 24.2 | 07 |
| Chennai | 33.3 | 27.1 | 00 |
| Pune | 30.2 | 21.4 | 00 |
| Hyderabad | 29.6 | 20.8 | 16 |
| Th'puram | 33.6 | 24.6 | 00 |

## Vaishno Devi Yatra to resume tomorrow

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board on Friday announced that the pilgrimage to the revered cave shrine, which had been suspended due to inclement weather and essential track maintenance, will resume on September 14, subject to favourable weather conditions.

The Shrine Board urged pilgrims to carry valid identification, use designated pathways, and cooperate with staff during the Yatra. For live updates, booking services, and helpline support, devotees have been advised to visit the official website www.maavaishnodevi.org.

The announcement comes weeks after tragedy struck the pilgrimage route in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, when a massive landslide on August 26 killed 32 pilgrims and left 20 others injured.

Triggered by relentless rainfall, the disaster was one of the deadliest incidents in the history of shrine, prompting authorities to halt the Yatra and carry out urgent safety and maintenance measures along the track.

Expressing gratitude to devotees for their patience and understanding during the suspension, the Board said the resumption of the Yatra 'marks a reaffirmation of our collective faith and resilience'.

It added that all efforts remain focused on ensuring the sanctity, safety, and dignity of one of the country's most revered pilgrimages.

## Delhi, Bombay HCs get bomb threats; premises evacuated

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** Following bomb threats received by the Delhi High Court and Bombay High Court, police, security, and intelligence agencies in India were thrown into a frenzy, but after comprehensive investigations, the dual threats were found to be hoaxes

The court building needed to be cleared for several hours due to the threat, during which time police and bomb detection teams, along with sniffer dog units, sprang into action.

All judges adjourned their board and stopped the hearings before leaving their courtrooms, even as lawyers, counsels and court staff left the premises, and so did the litigants.

"As soon as the Bombay High Court in the Fort area of Mumbai received the threat, the building was evacuated as per the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and a search operation is currently underway with the help of the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) and a dog squad. The bomb threat turned out to be a hoax," a police official said.

The Delhi High Court threat too was a hoax.

## Cross-border arms smuggling module busted in Punjab; 2 held

**CHANDIGARH, PTI:** Punjab police on Friday claimed to have busted a cross-border weapon smuggling module with links to Pakistan and arrested two people.

Officials said police recovered 18 pistols and 1,847 cartridges from their possession.

"Acting on a specific tip-off, @FazilkaPolice busts a cross-border weapon smuggling module with links to #Pakistan and arrests two persons backed by foreign-based handlers and recovers 18 pistols, 1847 cartridges & 42 magazines," Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav, posted on X on Friday.

He said further investigation is underway to trace the forward and backward linkages, identify all members involved, and unravel the entire smuggling network.

# Radhakrishnan sworn in as 15th VP

### Dhankhar makes first public appearance since resignation

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

CP Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the 15th Vice President of India on Friday at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The event also marked the first public appearance of his predecessor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, since his resignation two months ago.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath to the 67-year-old leader in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, senior ministers and floor leaders of various parties in Parliament.

Radhakrishnan took the oath in English in the name of God. He had defeated Opposition candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy in the election held on September 9 by a margin of 152 votes.

The election was necessitated by the unexpected resignation of Dhankhar on July 21, citing health reasons, though speculation persisted about a strained relationship with the government.

Dhankhar was seated in the front row along with former vice presidents M Venkaiah Naidu and M Hamid Ansari. He was seen conversing with Naidu and shook hands with Radhakrishnan before the oath ceremony.

Former president Ram Nath Kovind, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu were also present.

President Droupadi Murmu after administering the oath of office to Vice President C P Radhakrishnan in New Delhi. PTI

Radhakrishnan also assumed charge as the Rajya Sabha Chairperson. In the Parliament Complex, he offered floral tributes at the statues of eminent leaders. He also planted a sapling.

Radhakrishnan met floor leaders in the Upper House within hours of his swearing-in and sought cooperation from them in running the House smoothly.

This was one of his first engagements after taking the oath. He had earlier visited Raj Ghat to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Sources described Radhakrishnan's deliberations with floor leaders as a "courtesy meeting". The newly sworn-in VP told them he intends to conduct the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha without creating tension among parties.

Seeking their cooperation for the smooth functioning of the House, Radhakrishnan, who has a long tenure as an Opposition lawmaker, assured leaders he would not discriminate against anyone.

He said his aim is to minimise disruptions in the House.

The Congress was represented by Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh as Leader of Opposition Kharge had to leave due to a prior engagement outside the capital.

The meeting was also attended by Ramgopal Yadav (SP), P.C. Gupta (RJD), John Brittas (CPI-M), Haris Beeran (Muslim League), Praful Patel (NCP), Tambi Dura (AIADMK) and Ayodhya Rami Reddy (YSR Congress), among others.

## Tech gaps seen during Op Sindoor: Defence secretary

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Union Defence Secretary Rajesh Singh on Friday said Operation Sindoor was a "reality check" for the armed forces because the four-day conflict with Pakistan exposed certain capability gaps.

"In the context of Operation Sindoor, certain capability gaps were noticed. These include electronic warfare, counter-unmanned systems, a stronger manufacturing base for military-grade drones that can survive in GPS-denied and contested environments, and various types of low-level radars," said Singh in Pune on the sidelines of a seminar organised by the Southern Command of the Indian Army on the theme of synergy of technology, research, and the defence ecosystem.

"It's pretty clear in the context of the current geopolitical situation that most countries are paying a lot of attention to defence and hard power. Given our neighbourhood, India is no exception. We just had this experience with Operation Sindoor, which in some ways was a reality check for us — in terms of where we can do better and where we need to adapt to the changing needs of future warfare," he said.

Referring to the threat posed by drones and unmanned systems, he said specific capability areas had been identified to strengthen the defence manufacturing ecosystem.

On Mission Sudarshan Chakra, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Singh said the mission would incorporate both defensive and offensive elements.

"We already have a fairly strong multi-layered air defence system, which worked very well during Operation Sindoor. We did not suffer any major losses or casualties despite repeated attempts using drones and missiles to penetrate the system. However, India has a large landmass, and we must ensure that all critical infrastructure, population centres and industries are covered," he said.

The defence secretary said adequate attention was being given to the preparation of Mission Sudarshan Chakra, as the Defence Research and Development Organisation and a dedicated committee had been asked to prepare a detailed project report to address any gaps in the air defence system.

# Why are anti-pollution measures for Delhi alone? asks Supreme Court

### Says if firecrackers are banned, it has to be for entire country

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday asked why anti-pollution measures like the cracker ban were limited to Delhi alone, emphasising the need for clean air for every citizen across the country.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran said that if the cities of NCR (National Capital Region) have the right to clean air, then why don't the people of other cities?

The bench observed that just because it is the capital city and the apex court is situated in this area, "we should have pollution-free air, but not the other citizens in the country?"

A senior counsel said citizens of Delhi literally choked due to pollution, and in winters, it is impossible to breathe, and emphasised that pollution is a national problem.

Women walk on a road near India Gate in New Delhi as the sky is enveloped with smog. REUTERS FILE

Amicus Curiae Senior Advocate K Parameshwar said that a ban on firecrackers for the period from October to February would have been justified, but a complete ban on their manufacturing, trading, and selling would affect the livelihood of many.

The CJI recalled that last winter, he was in Amritsar on Guruparb day, and he was told that the pollution in Amritsar was higher than in Delhi.

He emphasised, if a policy were to be made, then it has to be made on a pan-India basis.

"We cannot have special treatment for Delhi because people in Delhi are elite," the CJI said.

Senior advocate Aparajita Singh, the amicus curiae in the case, submitted that the elite class takes care of itself, and whenever there is pollution, they move out of Delhi. She said the elites have air purifiers, but the people on the streets do not have a choice.

"Therefore, we should have a policy for the entire country, and a separate policy should not be there for only the national capital, and if firecrackers are banned, then let them be banned throughout the country," the bench said.

The court also noted there are also poor who depend on the industry.

The court sought a report from the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in the matter.

Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati informed the bench that it will be in consultation with the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), as it has been working on green crackers.

The court said that NEERI's views should be considered before the report is submitted and fixed the matter for consideration after two weeks.

A counsel said his clients have been taking their crackers to NEERI and sought their suggestions on bringing down the pollution levels, and emphasised that the authorities have started to revoke all their licences, and acquiring a licence is a very tedious process.

The court said it will hear the matter on September 22.

The apex court was considering a plea against its April 2025 order that banned the sale, storage, transportation and manufacture of firecrackers in the Delhi-NCR region, saying it was necessary.

## Farmers' protest remark: SC refuses Kangana's plea

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain an appeal by actor-turned-politician Kangana Ranaut against the rejection of her plea to quash a defamation case for her retweet and comments on a woman's participation in the farmers' protest.

Kangana Ranaut

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta expressed disinclination to entertain the plea, prompting her counsel to withdraw her special leave petition against the Punjab and Haryana High Court's judgment, rejecting her petition.

As the counsel sought to argue the matter, the bench said it may invite adverse remarks, which may prejudice the trial in the case. The counsel submitted it was a case of retweet. The court, however, asked about comments attached to it, saying it has added spice to the tweet. The counsel said she had already given clarification.

## Ensure 'upward movement' for disabled in jobs: SC to Centre

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday flagged hostile discrimination against persons with disabilities in employment, and asked the Centre whether steps had been taken to ensure "upward movement" for meritorious candidates who score above the cut-off for the unreserved category.

A bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said that it is imperative to address the grave discrimination faced by persons with disabilities, as they are the ones deprived by providence, as against those who face discrimination arising from societal setups.

The court noted that persons with disabilities, protected under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, are being denied upward movement despite securing higher merit.

"This practice defeats the very purpose of reservation and constitutes a glaring example of hostile discrimination. The principle of upward movement, available to candidates under social reservation categories, ensures that reserved seats go to those who truly need them. The denial of this principle to persons with disabilities deprives lower-scoring candidates with disabilities of their rightful opportunities," it said.

The court asked the Centre to apprise it of the measures taken to ensure "upward movement" for meritorious candidates with disabilities who score above the cut-off for the unreserved category.

The SC also directed a nationwide monitoring of all state-run care institutions housing persons with cognitive disabilities, to be carried out under 'Project Ability Empowerment' by eight National Law Universities (NLUs).

The directive came in response to a plea filed by Reena Banerjee, who sought judicial intervention to address systemic barriers faced by persons with disabilities and to ensure the enforcement of statutory safeguards.

SAFE RETURN

## Tourists from Andhra recall Nepal horror

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

Tourists and pilgrims who travelled to Nepal and have now returned to Andhra Pradesh shared harrowing experiences as a crisis unfolded in the neighbouring country.

A group of 10 travellers from Visakhapatnam left their luggage at their hotel in Pokhara before visiting the Muktinath temple on a two-day trip.

When they returned, they found their hotel had been torched by local mobs, with their belongings completely gutted.

The group was eventually helped to safety by local Nepalese drivers, who protected them from the attacking mobs.

### Close shave

"For around four hours, we were stuck on the roads in a small van, our hearts pounding in terror. A mob approached us and demanded we roll down the windows. At that moment, we thought we would be attacked. Then our Nepali driver told them we were tourists from India, and they spared us after seeing the women in our group," said Lakshmi, who works for LIC.

She was among a group of LIC staffers from Visakhapatnam who travelled to Nepal with their family members at the beginning of the week on a 10-day trip, but returned halfway through on Thursday.

### Two-day mission

The Andhra Pradesh government evacuated them and other Telugu people stranded across 12 different locations from crisis-hit Nepal after two days of continuous efforts.

While most were rescued from Kathmandu, others were brought back from Pokhara, Simikot, and various other locations.

An IndiGo flight carrying 154 people landed safely at Visakhapatnam airport on Thursday night, marking the culmination of the rescue operation.

The special flight, which departed from Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, dropped off 114 passengers in Visakhapatnam before proceeding to Tirupati with the remaining 40 evacuees.

Of the 154 passengers, 10 who were stranded in Pokhara were flown to Kathmandu on a special flight arranged by the Andhra Pradesh government.

Earlier, another group of 22 people from Andhra Pradesh crossed into India by road through the Bihar border, while 12 more were flown from Simikot to Nepalgunj on the Uttar Pradesh border by a special flight from Lucknow.

# One in every five lawmakers across the country are dynasts: ADR

NEW DELHI, DHNS

One in every five Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs, MLAs and MLCs — 1,107 of 5,204 or 21% — are dynasts, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

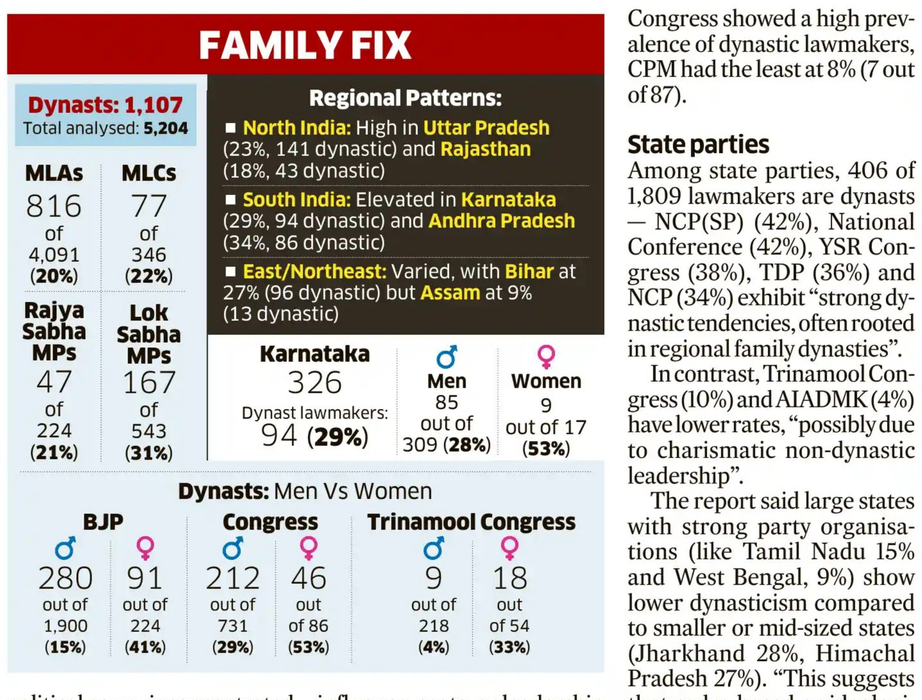
Almost half of the women lawmakers — 251 (47%) of 539 — are dynasts as opposed to 18% male lawmakers (856 of 4,665), with the report showing that dynastic representation is more than twice as high among women compared to men.

When it comes to parties, one in every third lawmaker in Congress is a dynast — 258 out of 817 (32%) — while BJP's share of dynasts is 371 (17%) out of 2,124 lawmakers.

Uttar Pradesh has the highest number (141 of 604 or 23%) of dynastic lawmakers, while Andhra Pradesh (34% or 86 out of 255) has the highest proportion of such people's representatives.

"Dynastic politics in India refers to the practice where political power is concentrated within families, with multiple members from the same family holding elected positions or influential roles in politics. It involves the transfer of political influence, seats, or leadership from one generation to another, often leveraging family name, wealth, and networks," the ADR said.

Among the national parties, Congress showed a high prevalence of dynastic lawmakers, CPM had the least at 8% (7 out of 87).


FAMILY FIX
Dynasts: 1,107
Total analysed: 5,204
MLAs 816 of 4,091 (20%)
MLCs 77 of 346 (22%)
Rajya Sabha MPs 47 of 224 (21%)
Lok Sabha MPs 167 of 543 (31%)
Regional Patterns:
North India: High in Uttar Pradesh (23%, 141 dynastic) and Rajasthan (18%, 43 dynastic)
South India: Elevated in Karnataka (29%, 94 dynastic) and Andhra Pradesh (34%, 86 dynastic)
East/Northeast: Varied, with Bihar at 27% (96 dynastic) but Assam at 9% (13 dynastic)
Karnataka 326
Dynast lawmakers: 94 (29%)
Men 85 out of 309 (28%)
Women 9 out of 17 (53%)
Dynasts: Men Vs Women
BJP ♂ 280 out of 1,900 (15%) ♀ 91 out of 224 (41%)
Congress ♂ 212 out of 731 (29%) ♀ 46 out of 86 (53%)
Trinamool Congress ♂ 9 out of 218 (4%) ♀ 18 out of 54 (33%)

### State parties

Among state parties, 406 of 1,809 lawmakers are dynasts — NCP(SP) (42%), National Conference (42%), YSR Congress (38%), TDP (36%) and NCP (34%) exhibit "strong dynastic tendencies, often rooted in regional family dynasties".

In contrast, Trinamool Congress (10%) and AIADMK (4%) have lower rates, "possibly due to charismatic non-dynastic leadership".

The report said large states with strong party organisations (like Tamil Nadu 15% and West Bengal, 9%) show lower dynasticism compared to smaller or mid-sized states (Jharkhand 28%, Himachal Pradesh 27%). "This suggests that cadre-based or ideological parties (DMK, AIADMK, Left, TMC) may dilute dynastic entry more effectively than regional family-run outfits," it said.

## Fearing threat to OBC quota, Maha man dies by suicide

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

In a shocking incident, a 35-year-old man from the Latur district of Maharashtra's Marathwada region died by suicide by jumping into the Manjara river fearing threats to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota, deepening the crisis in the state over the reservation issue.

Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, a prominent OBC leader, on Friday posted the incident on his social media platforms.

"The current developments regarding OBC reservation are making ordinary OBC individuals uneasy; this is the reality. But justice will surely be obtained through the Constitution and the law; we will have to fight for it. We are firm in that resolve. Therefore, I earnestly appeal to all OBC brethren in Maharashtra not to take such extreme steps," he said.

The deceased was identified as Bharat Mahadev Karad, a resident of Wangdari village in the Renapur tehsil, who hailed from the Vanjari-OBC community.

An autorickshaw driver, he was part of the protests to save the OBC reservation from dilution. Karad is survived by his mother, wife, three daughters, and a son.

*(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help)*

## State-backed health cover for migrant Keralites

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

In view of the frequent health distress calls from Keralites outside Kerala, the state government agency NORKA-Roots is launching an insurance scheme for Keralites abroad and within the country.

Titled Norka Care Pravasi Insurance, the scheme offers medical insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh for treatment within the country and accident coverage of Rs 10 lakh. The premium ranges from Rs 8,101 for individuals to Rs 13,411 for four-member families.

According to NORKA-Roots, 41.7 lakh Keralites are in other states in India, and 34.5 lakh are in foreign countries. During 2023-24 alone, NORKA-Roots, which is a welfare agency for non-resident Keralites, received over 8,500 health distress calls from Keralites outside the state. There is also an increase in critical illness among non-resident Keralites, and many of them are facing debts owing to medical expenses.

Online registration can be done from September 22 to October 22, and the policy will come into effect from November 1. Registration can be done through the NORKA-Roots website, NORKA Care mobile app, and bulk enrollment through NORKA-Roots registered associations.

NORKA-Roots chief executive officer Ajith Kolassery said it could be the first time that a state government agency is introducing comprehensive medical and accident insurance for migrants.

# Complaint under Posh Act to be filed in maximum 6 months: SC

## Rejects woman faculty member's plea against Bengal varsity vice chancellor, cites time bar

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday said a complaint under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, is mandatorily required to be filed within six months.

The top court upheld the rejection of a woman faculty member's plea against such incidents by the Vice Chancellor of West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, for being time-barred.

In its judgment on a plea by the complainant, a bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and Prasanna B Varale said, "We are of the view that the division bench of the High Court committed no error of law in restoring the decision of the LCC (Local Complaint Commitee) that the complaint of the appellant is time barred and is liable to be dismissed."

The bench, however, directed that the incidents of alleged sexual harassment on the part of the V-C may be forgiven but allowed to haunt the wrongdoer forever.

"It is advisable to forgive the wrongdoer, but not to forget the wrongdoing. The wrong which has been committed against the appellant may not be investigated on technical grounds, but it must not be forgotten," Justice Mithal wrote in the judgment.

The bench directed that this judgment would be made part of the resume of the V-C. The court bound him personally to ensure strict compliance with this direction.

The LCC rejected the complaint as barred by time since the last alleged incident of sexual harassment occurred in April 2023, while the complaint was filed on December 26, 2023. This was not only beyond the prescribed period of limitation of three months but also beyond the extendable period of limitation of six months, the court noted.

The apex court also noted the incident of removal of appellant subsequently as the Director, Centre of Financial, Regulatory and Governance Studies, cannot be attributed as an act of sexual harassment in connection with the previous incidents, as it was based upon the report of an independent body.

Referring to Section 9 of the Posh Act, the bench said, a complaint of sexual harassment is mandatorily required to be filed within a period of three months from the date of the last incident of such harassment or within a further extended period of three months, i.e., within a maximum period of six months from the date of the last incident of sexual harassment.

# Sabarimala gold plating row puts Kerala govt in a spot

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

Suspected irregularities in the repair of gold plating at the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple seem to have given fresh momentum to the BJP and Sangh Parivar outfits in Kerala, as they intensify their criticism of the CPM-led Left Democratic Front government ahead of the Global Ayyappa Conclave.

Even though the Kerala High Court dismissed petitions filed by Hindu forums challenging the conduct of the conclave on September 20, its remarks against the temple authorities—for removing the gold plating from the Dwarapalaka idols at the entrance of the sanctum sanctorum and transporting it to Chennai for repairs without permission—are being used by the BJP and Sangh Parivar in their campaign against the Left Front government.

**HC disposes of plea against Kazhakam hiring**

**The Kerala High Court on Friday disposed of a petition against the appointment of an OBC-community member to the post of "Kazhakam" at the Sree Koodalmanikyam temple, reports DHNS.**

The BJP and Hindu Aikya Vedi (HAV) have alleged irregularities surrounding the removal of gold plating from the idols without proper permission, calling for a detailed investigation.

"The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), which manages the temple, and the state government must clarify why the gold plating was taken from the temple without permission," said BJP national executive member PK Krishnadas. On Friday, the Kerala High Court division bench directed the board to submit all relevant documents. The TDB has already issued an apology for removing the gold plating and sending it to Chennai without the court's approval.

The TDB maintains that the damage to gold plating was caused by coins thrown by devotees as offerings, which frequently struck the 'Dwarapalaka' idols.

# Apex court to hear bail plea of Umar Khalid & others on Sept 19

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The Supreme Court on Friday decided to take up on September 19 the bail pleas filed by former JNU students Sharjeel Imam, Umar Khalid and others, arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act for a larger conspiracy in the 2020 Delhi riots.

The accused challenged the Delhi High Court's September 2 order rejecting their bail applications.

As soon as the matter came up, a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria said, "We got the case files and supplementary list late last night and didn't get time to read." The court posted the matter for consideration on September 19.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal, A M Singhvi, C U Singh, Siddharth Dave appeared for the petitioners accused.

Khalid and others have been in jail since 2020 in connection with the riots, which had left 53 people dead and over 700 injured.

A division bench had noted the nature of the allegations, and specifically the submission by the state that the present is not a case of regular protest or riot matter, but rather a premeditated, well-orchestrated conspiracy to commit unlawful activities threatening the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India.

The HC had said, in view of submissions, it became the arduous task of the court to strike a balance between individual rights and the interests of the nation, as well as the safety and security of the general public at large. "Therefore, these appeals do not succeed," the bench had said.

# Top court asks Tamil politician Seeman to apologise in rape case

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday asked Tamil film director and politician Seeman to tender an unconditional apology to an actor who lodged a case against him in 2011, alleging rape on the false promise of marriage.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan was hearing Seeman's plea challenging a Madras High Court order refusing to quash the case against him. The HC had directed the police to complete the investigation and file a final report.

Seeman, who leads the Naam Tamilar Katchi party, is facing charges for various offences, including rape, criminal intimidation and cheating under the erstwhile IPC, along with Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act.

Taking up his plea, the court told his counsel, "She is the lady. Let the man apologise, bring an end to it".

Senior advocate Shadan Farasat, representing the complainant, opposed the settlement. The bench asked Seeman to tender an apology, or else his quashing petition would be dismissed.

# MISCELLANY

## ◆COMICS◆

### Blondie

I'M ALL PACKED UP FOR CAMP KIDDAWAY, MR. B.!
ANYTHING NEW THIS YEAR?
THEY HAVE TWELVE NEW VIRTUAL WHITTLING STATIONS, PLUS WE'LL BE MICROWAVING GLUTEN-FREE SMORES!
AND CAMP WILL BE EXTRA CROWDED THIS YEAR
THEY CONVERTED 1/3 OF THE CAMPGROUND INTO PICKLEBALL COURTS!

### Hagar The Horrible

A WEEK OF RAIN! I'M SICK OF IT!
HERE COMES BROTHER OLAF! LET'S ASK HIM TO PRAY FOR THE RAIN TO STOP!
A LOT OF GOOD THAT'LL DO!
HE SEEMS LIKE THE RIGHT PERSON TO ASK!

### Beetle Bailey

### Peanuts

HOMEWORK? NO, MA'AM, I FORGOT TO DO MY HOMEWORK
I REMEMBERED TO GET OUT OF BED THIS MORNING...
I REMEMBERED TO EAT BREAKFAST AND I REMEMBERED TO COME TO SCHOOL
DO YOU GIVE CREDIT FOR THREE OUT OF FOUR?

### Marvin

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

COGKE

RNLAS

TIRBET

WGHORT

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

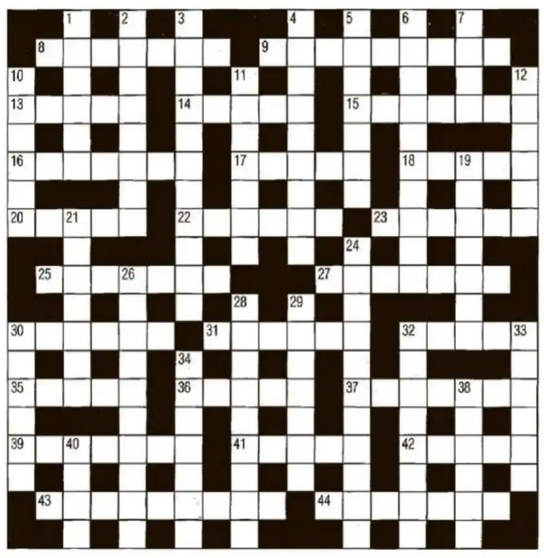
Ooh! There we go! This song needs a G-Am-C chord progression. Then I can add Em in the chorus.
3/7
FOR THE SONGWRITING GUITARIST, IT WAS ALL ABOUT FINDING THE RIGHT NOTES TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRUFF FLINT BABOON HIATUS
Answer: The dilapidated roadside billboard was taken down, and now there was — NO SIGN OF IT

## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 4005



**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS**

8 Well, give proper medical treatment to your old (7)
9 Personally, that's why I'm studying the script (3,2,4)
13 Find out the figure you are paid (5)
14 With an exclamation of annoyance, blow up (5)
15 Beginning to irritate (7)
16 To make the little bird leave, chuck something at it (7)
17 Don't win the round, through being imprecise (5)
18 The catalogue you put on the shelf (5)
20 Thinking relations should not be featured in the article (5)
22 Make a hole in and a little rain comes through (6)
23 Returns late to the stomping grounds (6)
25 Try to refit an old boat (7)
27 Vandalising is great fun (7)
30 Fall back, do, on for support (6)
31 Bring up the topic of the said item of jewellery (6)
32 Thinks they're sisters (5)
35 Is waiting there when one arrives and settles up with (5)
36 For once, behave right (5)
37 Having cheated ran away but did, somehow, get caught (7)
39 Bronzed legs crossed, starts arguing with (7)
41 Leaves the woman one was married to - it's finished (5)
42 Concede it is a handout (5)
43 Given that the vessel had been trawling round (9)
44 Taken away in tears again? (7)

**DOWN**

1 Broadcasts the races (6)
2 Not being upright, is giving a biased report (8)
3 City Adam would have been very tempted to visit? (3,3,5)
4 A gentle caress and he'll give you anything you want! (4,5)
5 Lovely girl - a real cracker! (7)
6 Does it shine only when it's late? (6,4)
7 Run, or jog, between times (4)
10 See the figure entered is small (6)
11 Agreed everything is bound to come out (7)
12 In the parlance of today, thanks for the encouragement (6)
19 Unbalanced some wares on show at the greengrocer's (7)
21 That is solid inside: needs to be shaken, love (7)
24 Definitely grasping and mean (5-6)
26 Angles for, when one writes to (5,1,4)
28 With luck, will level with and will not lose money (5,4)
29 As a dog, seem well-disposed towards the bird (7)
30 Having to get mother to provide food (6)
32 Forced to behave oneself, was successful (4,4)
33 Calm and serene, instead changed key (6)
34 Go on, sir. Chuck the pest out! (7)
38 Goes off lettuce (6)
40 Sense it should be "toi et moi" (4)

**ACROSS**

8 Spiritualists (7)
9 Furniture item (9)
13 Lift (5)
14 Boredom (5)
15 Survive (7)
16 Drunk, informally (7)
17 Employment (5)
18 Titan (5)
20 Sailing vessel (5)
22 Snuggle (6)
23 Sullen (6)
25 Calculate (7)
27 Pirate (7)
30 Voucher (6)
31 Calm (6)
32 Anaesthetic (5)
35 Housey-housey (5)
36 Freshwater mammal (5)
37 Play-house (7)
39 Pliable (7)
41 Keepsake (5)
42 Equine mammal (5)
43 Penniless (9)
44 Pattern (7)

**DOWN**

1 Regarding (6)
2 Lotion (8)
3 Imitate (11)
4 In a like manner (9)
5 Regain (7)
6 Catching (10)
7 Operatic song (4)
10 Cold (6)
11 Torment (7)
12 Figure (6)
19 Overthrow (7)
21 Ball game (7)
24 Tame (11)
26 Ratio (10)
28 Rotting (9)
29 Cheerfully (7)
30 Visitor (6)
32 Large mammal (8)
33 Staggered (6)
34 Hollow (7)
38 Steamy (6)
40 English queen (4)

**SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12245**

**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS:** 1, Cross 6, P-ouch 9, Hear-ten 10, About 11, NY-Lon 12, Bronx 13, Century 15, Lea 17, Iris 18, Seeing 19, Gnats 20, Cohort 22, Pest 24, Hut 25, Di-vorce 26, An-T-on 27, Mean-T 28, Barry 29, Tedious 30, Aske-D 31,Thief (of time).
**DOWN:** 2, Rubber 3, Shunts 4, Set 5, Dr-ur-y (Lane) 6, Pennies 7, Onyx 8, Ch.-osen 12, Brunt 13, C-inch 14, Night 15, Liver 16, Agat-E 18, Stein 19, Gran-Ted 21, Outers 22, Pota-sh 23, Scarce 25, D-or-Is. 26, Ante 28, But (rev.).

**EASY**

**ACROSS:** 1, Acute 6, Rummy 9, Rameses 10, Stoat 11, Feast 12, Proud 13, Dutiful 15, Red 17, Otic 18, Mature 19, April 20, Sorely 22, Safe 24, Era 25, Chiller 26, Legit 27, Shrug 28, Swoon 29, Referee 30, Ended 31,Trays.
**DOWN:** 2, Cut out 3,Tragic 4, Eat 5, Pearl 6, Refusal 7, Used 8, Master 12, Puppy 13, Douse 14,Tiara 15, Rural 16, Defer 18, Might 19, Alleged 21, Orphan 22, Slower 23, Felony 25, Cider 26, Lure 28, Set.

## ◆SU-DO-KU-6700◆

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**SOLUTION TO 6699**

**To solve the puzzle:** To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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| E1 | F4 | E1 | R1 | V4 | R1 | O1 | Triple Word Score | RACK 2 |
| E1 | A1 | L1 | T1 | P3 | S1 | R1 | Triple Word Score | RACK 3 |
| A1 | I1 | P3 | P3 | Y4 | M3 | R1 | Triple Word Score | RACK 4 |

PAR SCORE 195-205
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

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| U1 | N1 | C3 | R1 | O1 | S1 | S1 | RACK 2 = | 59 |
| S1 | E1 | E1 | D2 | B3 | E1 | D2 | RACK 3 = | 83 |
| H4 | I1 | R1 | I1 | N1 | G2 | S1 | RACK 4 = | 69 |

PAR SCORE 180-190 JUDD'S TOTAL 279

## HITORI-3154

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
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**SOLUTION TO 3153**

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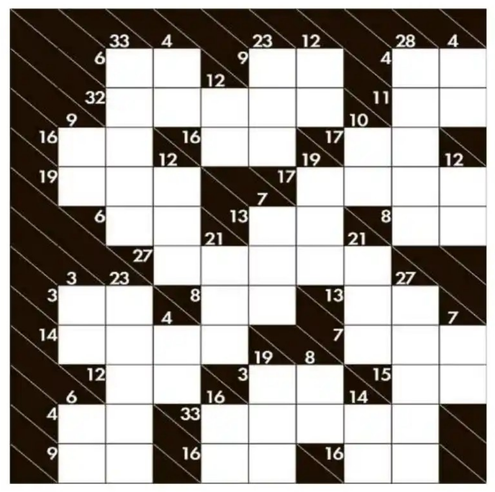
| 8 | 1 | ■ | 6 | ■ | 4 | ■ | 7 |
| 5 | ■ | 4 | ■ | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | ■ | 8 |
| 2 | ■ | 5 | ■ | 7 | ■ | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | 7 | ■ | 2 | ■ | 5 | 6 | ■ |
| ■ | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | ■ | 5 | 1 |
| 7 | 6 | ■ | 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 |

**To solve the puzzle:** Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

## KAKURO- 3154



**SOLUTION TO 3153**

**To solve the puzzle:** Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

## SU DO KU X - 3675

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| | 6 | | 2 | ■ | 8 | | | |
| | | | | ■ | | 9 | | 3 |
| | | | 9 | | 1 | | | 2 |
| | | ■ | | | 5 | ■ | 8 | 4 |
| | ■ | | | | | ■ | | |
| | | 3 | 6 | 4 | 9 | | 1 | ■ |

**SOLUTION TO 3674**

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| 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 8 |
| 6 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
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**To solve the puzzle:** The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

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# Toxic air: Another red flag

The reports of the US-based Energy Policy Institute (EPIC) are annual reminders of the serious threat air pollution poses to India. This year's report also paints a grim picture and details the impact of the poor quality of air on the lives and health of people. According to the report, particulate matter pollution in the country is higher than the World Health Organisation's (WHO) prescribed standards. Air pollution has an impact across geographies. The Northern Plains are more polluted than the other regions. The signs are distressing in many areas where pollution is visible as dark and grey air, choking people into sickness and slow death. But unlike other forms of pollution, the degradation of air is invisible in most regions, even as it envelopes people everywhere.

The report says air pollution costs every Indian 3.5 years of life expectancy and is a much bigger health threat in the country than malnutrition, tobacco, water pollution, and poor sanitation. In 2023, the average annual concentration of particulate matter (PM2.5) was more than eight times the WHO's recommended limit. It is higher than India's own less stringent standards. An average Indian could gain about 9.4 months in life expectancy if the air quality improved to WHO standards. The gain could be a whopping 8.2 years in Delhi, which has the most polluted air in the world. Air pollution is not just an Indian problem. The world has been living with it, and very few countries have achieved success in mitigation efforts. China stands out as a success story as it has consistently reduced pollution over the last decade. All South Asian countries experience high levels of pollution. The air of neighbouring countries has also been reported to have had an impact.

**WHO-prescribed air quality could add 9.4 months to an average Indian's life expectancy, report finds**

India has formulated and implemented national programmes to deal with the issue. Programmes such as PM Surya Ghar, for rooftop solar energy, and PM Kusum, for clean farm energy, are intended to address different types of air pollution. Though the programmes have been in operation for some time, they haven't made an impact. There has been a steady increase in pollution from all sources, especially industries and vehicles. The electric vehicle industry needs more encouragement in the country. The sources of pollution vary from state to state and region to region, and they need to be identified and specifically tackled. Air pollution also takes a huge economic toll in terms of medical expenses forced on people. The government must step up efforts to address the crisis with multi-pronged strategies and awareness campaigns.

# Zooming in on custodial torture

The Supreme Court's decision to register a *suo motu* case over the lack of functional CCTV cameras in police stations shows not only the Court's displeasure over the non-compliance with its earlier orders in this connection, but also underlines law enforcement agencies' disregard for the rights of citizens. The Court has taken cognisance of a media report about the death of 11 people in police custody in Rajasthan in the last seven months. In 2020, the Court had directed the Centre to install CCTV systems in police stations as a deterrent against custodial torture. It also ordered the installation of surveillance mechanisms in the offices of central agencies that carry out interrogation and have the power to arrest people. The Court noted that the directive was intended to protect the right to life and dignity of citizens.

India has a grim history of custodial torture and deaths, and efforts towards deterrence have not succeeded. Though the law bans torturous methods for extracting confessions from the accused, offenders in the police force and other agencies have largely continued to evade scrutiny. For many in positions of power, torture becomes the assertion of that power, leaving innocent people injured and disabled in police stations and in interrogation rooms. Such excesses have no place in a democratic society that claims to follow the rule of law. CCTVs are a safeguard because it is assumed that policemen would desist from custodial torture as the images could be presented as evidence against them. The Court had directed the authorities to form oversight committees to monitor the installation of the cameras and awareness campaigns about the use of these systems. It had also ruled that surveillance should cover the entire station premises.

**The Supreme Court's suo motu case must eventually ensure complete surveillance of police stations**

It was found that the apex court's order was not implemented in many police stations. In stations where cameras were installed, areas outside of the cameras' range were being used for torturing the suspects. Shocking images of torture in a police station in Kerala became public last week. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), India recorded on average 92 deaths in police custody every year between 2000 and 2022. Tens of thousands of people are tortured and subjected to third-degree methods. The installation of CCTV cameras should help to put an end to such torture and killings. The Court has made a strong statement on the issue; it should now ensure a prompt follow-through. Compliance must be non-negotiable, and action against the offenders must be strong, swift, and certain.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

# India's stakes in Nepal warrant strategic caution

India cannot afford Chinese assertions in a crisis-hit country where Beijing has expansive influence

**PARUL CHANDRA**

Nero fiddled while Rome burned. This would be a fairly apt way of describing not just the ousted Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's misgovernance but also that of a succession of rent-seeking political leaders in the Himalayan nation who have occupied the prime ministerial post over the last decade. While India will certainly not shed any tears for the hugely unpopular and pro-China Oli, who gave New Delhi much grief during his four prime ministerial tenures, it will be acutely worried about the volatile situation prevailing in Nepal.

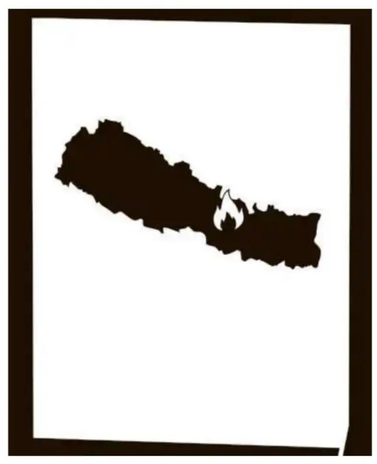
With its huge strategic stakes in Nepal, a country with which it shares an over 2,000 km-long porous border, India knows well that any turmoil in its neighbourhood would have serious ramifications for its own security interests. China has already made deep inroads into Nepal. Reflecting India's security concerns over the events unfolding in Nepal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on September 9, the day PM Oli was forced to quit.

For now, though, India has no alternative but to adopt a wait-and-watch approach. An anxious New Delhi wouldn't want a repeat of the Bangladesh situation, where, again, a movement spearheaded by the country's youth led to the removal of PM Sheikh Hasina in August last year. There is an interim government in place in Bangladesh, but New Delhi-Dhaka ties since her ouster have been extremely strained.

Amidst the evolving scenario in Nepal, India will have to tread extremely carefully to protect its interests in a country where it has vital geopolitical stakes. It cannot be seen as interfering in Nepal's domestic politics or throwing in its lot with a particular political party – something that it has often been accused of in the past.

For this will only fan anti-India sentiments in a country whose people pride themselves on their sovereignty and who have often accused India, sometimes justifiably, of being overbearing. In fact, New Delhi will need to signal to the people of Nepal that it fully supports their democratic aspirations.

The situation is fluid in Nepal, which seems to be headed for a prolonged period of political uncertainty. However, for now, it has taken a turn with former Supreme Court Chief Justice Sushila Karki being sworn in as interim Prime Minister. But what next? A section of protesters has demanded that the current Parliament be dissolved and fresh elections held.



The transition to a new government, however, is unlikely to be swift, given that the Nepalese people will want a fresh face and a new political dispensation to lead the country, hugely disillusioned as they are with the current lot of leaders. The army is enforcing law and order in the country for now, but an interim arrangement will be needed until a new government takes charge.

Prolonged instability in the neighbouring country will only increase New Delhi's worries as it would also mean more scope for Beijing to step up its machinations in the strategically located and landlocked nation wedged between the two large Asian rivals. China's expansive influence in Nepal has been propelled in no small measure by the eager embrace of Beijing by the Nepalese political leadership, cutting across party lines.

For now, Nepal continues to simmer despite Oli's resignation after at least 30 people were killed in the violence. The killings led to protests taking a violent turn, with capital Kathmandu witnessing unprecedented scenes wherein government buildings, including the Singha Durbar, were vandalised, the residences of top politicians set ablaze, and ministers and other leaders thrashed and manhandled.

The ban on social media may have been the final straw, but there are deeper and more serious underlying reasons for the youth in Nepal to take to the streets of Kathmandu and elsewhere. Indeed, the protests are a manifestation of a deeper malaise within Nepal's polity, with the country's youth angry and frustrated with the rampant corruption among the ruling classes, the lack of employment and educational opportunities, and the failure of successive governments to deliver on the developmental needs of its people, particularly the poor.

### A race for power

For this, the blame in recent years lies squarely with the three leading political parties and their leaders – Oli of the CPN-UML, Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali Congress, and Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' of the CPN (Maoist Centre). Between them, these ageing satraps had held Nepal's prime ministership over the last decade, merrily playing a game of thrones by changing alliances to cling onto power. With political expediency rather than the welfare of Nepal's people having been their guiding principle, the eruption of countrywide protests came as no surprise.

In the 17 years since the monarchy gave way to a federal republic, Nepal has had 14 different governments. The hope of stability held out by the new Constitution of 2015 was never met amidst the continuing political circus by the country's leaders.

With the Gen Z movement having firmly rejected the old guard, Nepal's political firmament could see fresh faces. The expectations from any new government would be huge, and a business-as-usual approach coupled with corruption won't work. Any new dispensation in Nepal would do well to remember this. India, on its part, will have to bide its time.

*(The writer is a senior journalist)*

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

# Fair memories of Mumbai

September brings the Bandra fair to mind, full of childhood wonder

**MATILDA YORKE**

Come September, my siblings and I would eagerly anticipate our annual outing to Mount Mary's Basilica in Bandra, Mumbai, followed by the Bandra Fair – the highlight of our trip. The feast of Our Lady of the Mount is celebrated on September 8, preceded by nine days of novena prayers. The fair would commence on the Sunday following September 8.

Our day would begin at the beautiful Basilica, where we would light candles, kneel in prayer, and -- prompted by our mother -- express gratitude to Mother Mary for watching over our large family of seven children and our parents. As children, we would naturally wish for the prayer session to conclude quickly, as we were eager to experience the excitement of the fair outside.

As we got out of the church, it was exciting to witness the sights and sounds of the Bandra Fair as we walked down the steps of the Basilica with stalls lining both sides of the steps. A variety of items were on offer, including religious artefacts, candles shaped like hands and feet, and body parts, which were offered to facilitate healing.

For us, the best stalls were further ahead, towards the middle of the steps -- sweets like guava cheese, the *halwas*, the *chikki*, the *pedas*, black *channa* and the candy floss (the last two were our favourites).

The fair also featured an array of delicious dishes prepared by Mangalorean, Goan, and East Indian vendors -- *bafat*, *vindaloo*, and *sorpotel*, accompanied by *sannas, fugias*, and *pav*. They were surely mouthwatering, but beyond our budget for the fair.

There were the photo booths, the sugarcane stall, the different joyrides on the giant wheels and merry-go-rounds, the souvenir shops, and the jam sessions of music and dance at the September Garden. One stall, which was dreaded by us but patronised by our parents, was the cane stall – the firm, three-feet-thin sticks were used in most schools and homes to discipline children. We did carry home at least three canes.

The crowds at the fair were immense, and we would hold hands lest we get separated. Yet one of us would inevitably get lost -- notwithstanding the clear instructions. I recall my younger sister, who was then five years old, happily wandering off while blowing a horn, oblivious to the fact that she was lost. I can still picture my parents' horror as they and my brothers dashed down the steps and found her.

Once the fair time was over, we would visit relatives who lived near the Basilica. They were hospitable and loving. By the time we finished the day's outing, it was nine pairs of tired feet that walked to the Bandra railway station and boarded the trains (Western and Central railways) to reach our home in Ghatkopar, a suburb of Mumbai.

Those were indeed enjoyable family outings, filled with simple pleasures and joyful moments. Despite the limited means and tight budgets, we experienced immense happiness and created lasting memories.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SC directive reduces bureaucratic hurdles

Apropos 'SIR revised: Aadhaar is evidence' (Sep 12), the Supreme Court's intervention directing the Election Commission to accept Aadhaar cards as valid evidence for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls is a welcome step in strengthening the democratic process. By allowing Aadhaar as proof, the Court has eased the process for millions of citizens, particularly the marginalised, migrants, and first-time voters who may not have other documents readily available. Aadhaar, being a widely accepted identity card with biometric authentication, helps minimise errors and duplication in electoral rolls, thereby enhancing the credibility of the voting list and preventing fraudulent entries. The Supreme Court's proactive stance not only reduces bureaucratic hurdles but also signals its commitment to protecting the right to vote as a fundamental democratic guarantee. This intervention creates an environment of accessibility and fairness, ensuring that no eligible voter is left out due to a lack of traditional documents. It underscores the importance of balancing robust identification with inclusive participation.
**N Sadhasiva Reddy**, Bengaluru

## Rectify the process

I refer to 'SIR revised: Aadhaar is evidence' (Sep 12).The Supreme Court directive to the EC to accept Aadhaar as valid proof for Bihar's SIR makes the process easier for thousands of voters while expediting the exercise. It is essential for the authorities to maintain the sanctity of the process of issuing Aadhaar cards, which should be done in conjunction with birth certificates and updated every five years until the child attains 18 years of age, similar to the process followed for passports. This would help prevent people from obtaining Aadhaar cards illegally. It is imperative to rectify the process with a long-term vision.
**Anry Haokip**, Bengaluru

## Wasteful expenditure

Apropos 'Costly surveys, overlooked outcomes' (Sep 12), the state government's decision to conduct another social and educational survey, a 'caste census', amidst a plethora of surveys, seems like a wasteful expenditure. Given the government's financial constraints in meeting the developmental aspirations of the people, and its propensity to succumb to freebies to maintain power, it would be prudent to avoid this survey under the present circumstances. The recent survey conducted by the government will not suffice to gauge the caste dynamics in a backward state requiring assistance. The earlier surveys by H Kantharaj and K Jayaprakash Hegde were neglected due to political interference, and for short-term electoral gains.
**S Sundaresh**, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

While Rahul Gandhi frequently raises the issue of vote *chori* in national politics, he has failed to utter a single word against MLA *chori* in Telangana. He should be ashamed of this undemocratic and unconstitutional practice. This is a crime worse than the so-called vote *chori* he keeps talking about.

**K T Rama Rao**, BRS working president

There may be honour among thieves, but there's none in politics.
**Peter O'Toole**

TO BE PRECISE

*Stop practice of recruiting Indians, MEA tells Moscow*

IN PERSPECTIVE

# Ageing well: From burden to rights

Recurring cases of elder abuse underline the need for a national legal framework. Kerala could show the way

**ANANTHAPADMANABHAN**

Kerala has taken a pioneering step by becoming the first Indian state to establish a dedicated commission for senior citizens. This landmark move, formalised under the Kerala Senior Citizens Commission Act, 2025, marks a crucial shift from viewing the elderly as a societal burden to recognising them as a demographic deserving of specific legal and institutional protection. The commission is a proactive and empathetic response to the growing challenges faced by older people.

India's population is ageing at an unprecedented rate, a result of improved healthcare and increased life expectancy. The number of people aged over 60 has risen dramatically, and projections suggest that by 2050, one in every five Indians will be a senior citizen. This demographic transformation, however, has not been met with adequate social support systems, leaving a vulnerable generation at risk.

Globally, nations such as Japan and Sweden have successfully tackled this challenge through community-based integrated care and robust government-funded social welfare. In Japan, a mandatory long-term care insurance system provides extensive services based on need, not income, with a focus on home-based care. Sweden's model treats elderly care as a social right, funded by taxes and managed by municipalities to ensure universal home help and specialised housing based on individual needs. Both systems prioritise dignity and independence for the elderly, demonstrating integrated, needs-based care.

As traditional joint family structures give way to nuclear families, the elderly often find themselves isolated and vulnerable. The emotional and financial neglect they experience is no longer an exception but a widespread concern.

The recurring cases of abuse and assault of senior citizens illustrate a broader, national crisis. This is a largely underreported but widespread problem that robs senior citizens of their dignity and security. As people age, their diminished capacity to care for themselves makes them vulnerable to various forms of abuse and neglect. Financial abuse is particularly common, with elders often targeted by scams. Many cases go unreported, often occurring within a domestic setting by family members. Cases have been reported where retired individuals are left destitute after sacrificing their property for their children, only to be abandoned. Many elders endure silent suffering and are subjected to constant humiliation and social isolation.

Such incidents underscore the urgent need for a legal framework to protect the elderly from abuse and provide them with a formal avenue for legal recourse.

The new commission in Kerala aims to be a comprehensive and transformative solution. Its mandate goes beyond simply resolving disputes; it's designed to be a holistic body that protects the rights of senior citizens from all forms of abuse. The commission provides legal assistance in property disputes and offers real-world solutions to the daily challenges they face. This proactive approach ensures a formal avenue for legal recourse against abuse and neglect.

### Ensuring social justice

The commission will also play a crucial role in shaping policy, encouraging the active use of the wisdom of the elderly for the benefit of society, and raising awareness among families about their responsibilities. This initiative is particularly significant for women, who often bear the brunt of ageing with limited income and support. The commission's focus on welfare and rehabilitation is a vital step towards ensuring these women can age with dignity and security.

At the community level, local support groups and volunteer networks can enhance the commission's efforts, providing grassroots assistance and combating social isolation.

Indian court rulings, primarily guided by the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, have established a strong legal framework to protect their rights. The judiciary has repeatedly affirmed the right of senior citizens to reclaim property transferred to their children if the latter fail to provide basic care. Courts have also been empowered to order the eviction of abusive family members from an elder's property. These rulings reflect a commitment to social justice, ensuring that senior citizens can live with dignity and have a speedy and effective remedy against neglect.

There is an imperative need for those in the higher echelons of power to prioritise the rights and well-being of the older citizens. Such an initiative is not merely a social obligation but a strategic necessity for a nation that aims to thrive by leveraging the experience and wisdom of all its citizens. This progressive move should pave the way for a more comprehensive, compassionate, and robust public policy on elderly care across the country, ensuring that ageing is a journey of dignity, not a burden.

*(The author is an independent writer)*

# Curb infiltration, narco and arm trafficking

KHURAIJAM ATHOUBA

The prime minister's visit after such a long absence carries both symbolic and practical weight. It must not be reduced to tokenism or selective engagement. Instead, it should address the core issues that continue to destabilise the state.

The detection of illegal immigrants and immigrant-origin populations in Manipur is the key to resolving the unnatural demographic expansion that has severely distorted the state's social and political balance. An NRC or a similar robust mechanism is essential.

Equally important is the resettlement of all displaced persons to their rightful homes with dignity and security.

The crisis also demands an aggressive crackdown on narco-terrorism and a curb on deforestation by the illegal poppy farmers in the hills. If normalcy is to be restored, trafficking of illegal weapons must be checked, and the terrorists currently holding territories in the hills must be disarmed.

The prime minister must acknowledge the reality of proxy war in the name of the deceptive Suspension of Operation pact. His message must reaffirm equality, justice, and security for all indigenous peoples of Manipur. He must issue a clear warning to all forces that obstruct peace, exploit the vulnerable, or seek to destabilise the state.

*[The writer is the convenor of the Coordination Committee on Manipur Unity (COCOMI), an apex body of several organisations representing the Meiteis]*

**THE TOLL** • Dead: **259** • Missing: **29** • Injured: **1,500** (approx.) • Displaced: **Over 60,000** • Houses burnt: **Over 4,700** Source: Manipur Police

## THE CHRONICLE OF A CONFLICT

2023

**May 3:** Many were hurt in clashes in Manipur's Kuki-dominated Churachandpur district after the All-Tribal Students' Union, Manipur, enforced a shutdown, opposing the High Court's order asking the state government to recommend Scheduled Tribe status to the majority Meiteis

**May 4:**
- Violence spread across the state, claiming many lives, causing injuries to several. Many houses were burnt.
- **Meiteis** fled the Kuki-dominated **Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, and Tengnoupal districts.**
- Kukis fled the Meitei-dominated **Imphal Valley** districts.
- Over 6,000 weapons were looted from armouries, allegedly by a Meitei mob

**May 5:** Over 50 people were killed, several were injured in clashes

**May 12:** 10 Kuki MLAs, including seven of the ruling BJP, demanded CM N Biren Singh's resignation and a "separate administration" for the Kuki-dominated districts.

**July 1: Biren Singh** offered to resign but stayed on.

**July 19:** PM Narendra Modi broke silence, following outrage over a video of two Kuki women being paraded naked on May 4, condemned the incident.

**July 28:** The Centre ordered a CBI probe.

2024

**June 4:** The BJP lost both the Lok Sabha seats to the Congress.

**October 22:** Kuki organisation alleged Biren Singh's role in the conflict, citing an audio tape.

**November 18:** The NPP, an ally of the BJP with 6 MLAs, withdrew support, sought Biren Singh's removal.

**December 31:** Biren Singh said sorry, asked Meiteis, Kukis to "forget, forgive and move forward".

2023

**February 10:** Biren Singh **resigned as CM.**

**February 13:** **President's Rule** was promulgated.

**April 5:** The Meitei and the Kuki groups meet for the first time in New Delhi

**September 4:** Kuki-Zo Council and MHA sign pact to ensure movement on NH-2

**The Peace Process**
- Nearly 1,000 weapons have been seized since Feb, 2025.
- MHA started tripartite talks with the Meitei and Kuki groups

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025:**
**Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Manipur – first time since the Kuki-Meitei conflict started.**

**What people expect...**
- Lasting **peace**
- Safe and secure **resettlement of displaced**
- Support for **reconstruction of houses**
- Jobs, support for **livelihood, education**
- **Fair compensation** for losses

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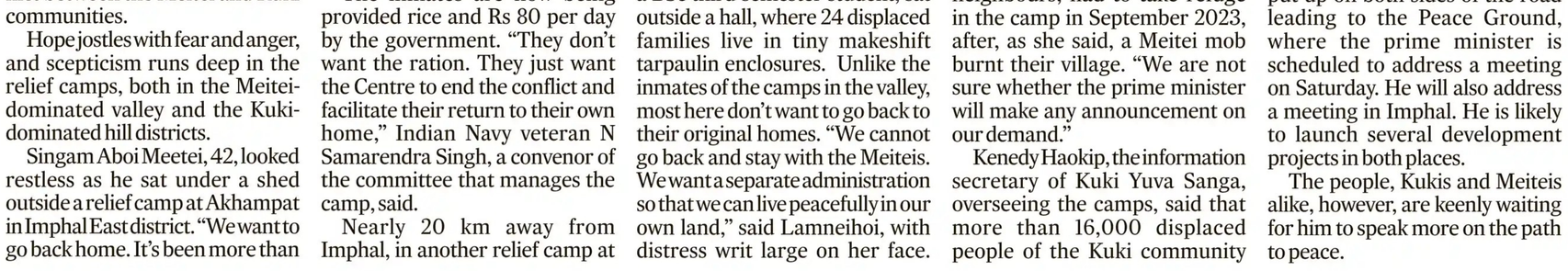

## Modi in Manipur:

# Can PM show path to peace?

SUMIR KARMAKAR
DH NEWS SERVICE

"Will he bring us a solution, a lasting peace?" That's the question doing the rounds in the camps set up for over 60,000 displaced people across Manipur, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is finally set to visit the state on Saturday, more than two years after it plunged into a fierce conflict between the Meitei and Kuki communities.

Hope jostles with fear and anger, and scepticism runs deep in the relief camps, both in the Meitei-dominated valley and the Kuki-dominated hill districts.

Singam Aboi Meetei, 42, looked restless as he sat under a shed outside a relief camp at Akhampat in Imphal East district. "We want to go back home. It's been more than two years. None here wants to stay like this," Singam told *DH*. He was a driver in Kuki-dominated Moreh before he had to flee with his wife and four children as their houses were set on fire, allegedly by the Kukis, on May 3, 2023, the day the conflict broke out. His is one of the 114 Meitei families, all from Moreh, which have been living in the camp at Akhampat for more than two years now. "All I want from Modi Ji is a solution that should come through talks and help us go home. There is no work here."

The inmates are now being provided rice and Rs 80 per day by the government. "They don't want the ration. They just want the Centre to end the conflict and facilitate their return to their own home," Indian Navy veteran N Samarendra Singh, a convenor of the committee that manages the camp, said.

Nearly 20 km away from Imphal, in another relief camp at Kodompokpi sports complex in neighbouring Thoubal district, 490 people are similarly waiting to go back to Moreh. Shantipur Singh, secretary of the relief camp, told *DH* that six inmates, including his mother, died, either due to distress or lack of medical care.

The scene is similar at another camp at Tuibong, about 65 km away in Churachandpur district, where 125 people of the Kuki community have been residing since they had to flee the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley. N Lamneihoi Baite, a BSc third-semester student, sat outside a hall, where 24 displaced families live in tiny makeshift tarpaulin enclosures. Unlike the inmates of the camps in the valley, most here don't want to go back to their original homes. "We cannot go back and stay with the Meiteis. We want a separate administration so that we can live peacefully in our own land," said Lamneihoi, with distress writ large on her face.

> We are fully committed to furthering inclusive and all-round development of Manipur. The foundation stone for road projects, National Highway projects, women's hostels and more would be laid.
>
> **Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

She, along with her family and neighbours, had to take refuge in the camp in September 2023, after, as she said, a Meitei mob burnt their village. "We are not sure whether the prime minister will make any announcement on our demand."

Kenedy Haokip, the information secretary of Kuki Yuva Sanga, overseeing the camps, said that more than 16,000 displaced people of the Kuki community were staying in at least 81 camps in Churachandpur. "Another 15,000 to 16,000 are either staying in rented houses or with the families of the same community in the villages."

In Churachandpur, the excitement among the Kukis about Modi's visit was palpable as he is going to be the first prime minister to set foot in the hill district in four decades since Rajiv Gandhi had in 1986. The tricolour barricades as well as traditional flags of various Kuki-Zo communities have been put up on both sides of the road leading to the Peace Ground, where the prime minister is scheduled to address a meeting on Saturday. He will also address a meeting in Imphal. He is likely to launch several development projects in both places.

The people, Kukis and Meiteis alike, however, are keenly waiting for him to speak more on the path to peace.

# A separate Union Territory is a must

GINZA VUALZONG

The Kuki-Zo community has endured untold suffering at the hands of the majority Meitei. Our people have been killed, our homes destroyed, and our lands plundered, thousands displaced.

The violence and discrimination we have experienced have left us with the painful realisation that coexistence under the present arrangement has become impossible.

The Kuki-Zo people have placed their hope in a new political future. We firmly believe that separation from the Meiteis is the only viable solution to ensure our survival, security, and dignity. We have consistently demanded a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory under Article 239A of the Constitution of India, so that the Kuki-Zo people's right for self-governance is protected, and they can build their own future in peace.

The recent decision of the Government of India to extend the Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement with the commitment to pursue a political settlement in a time-bound manner has renewed our hopes.

As the prime minister is visiting Manipur, we trust that the Government of India will respect the aspirations of the Kuki-Zo community. The long-overdue political settlement must culminate in the creation of a separate administration.

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## SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

# Fishy invaders: Think before you dump them!

**A fish once released in a seemingly harmless act has now become a formidable ecological and economic problem, writes Nobinraja M**

On Kolkata's eastern edge, amidst the tightly clustered ponds, I showed a photograph of an exotic fish to a local fisherman. His eyes widened: "I've got this bad fish in my pond!" He pointed to the small, prolific fish teeming in his pond.

Promptly, he led us along narrow ridges between the ponds to his plot, angrily scooping fish from the water with a handheld net and flinging them onto the ground. "These fish eat everything. I haven't been able to cultivate my own fish for the last two years. If this continues, I'll have to leave this job altogether."

Unfortunately, the fisherman's story is common across India. The fish he scooped that day was the Gambusia, also known as the mosquitofish. Once introduced for mosquito control, Gambusia species have ravaged aquatic ecosystems, driving small-scale fishers to the brink. And Kolkata is not alone.

This story underscores a larger ecological crisis that is silently taking place across our neighbourhoods. Invasive alien fishes(IAF) are introduced due to human activity—intentionally or accidentally—outside their natural range, where they establish, spread, and cause ecological or economic harm.

What makes them "invasive" is not just their exotic origin but their ability to outcompete native species, reproduce aggressively, and thrive in disturbed environments. In India, 12 IAF are currently recognised as a major threat, but this list will likely grow without stronger policies and more scientific monitoring in place.

### From pets to pests

One of the most troublesome IAF is Pterygoplichthys spp., commonly known as the "suckerfish" or "tank cleaner fish." These catfish were introduced globally through the ornamental aquarium trade. For many aquarium hobbyists, they are the perfect low-maintenance companion. When these fish outgrow their tanks or when owners tire of maintaining them, they are often released into nearby lakes and rivers.

Even these small, seemingly harmless releases can quickly turn into a full-scale invasion. Once released, these fish thrive in new waters, reproducing rapidly, outcompeting native species, and even destroying the eggs of local fish. In India, Pterygoplichthys spp. have already spread across several states, wreaking havoc. Fishers complain that their nets are torn apart when the species is accidentally caught as bycatch. Attempts to remove this spiny fish cause cuts and injuries, and unlike many natives, they can survive drought by breathing air or burrowing into banks, which also destabilises lake edges.

In short, a fish once released in a seemingly harmless act has now become a formidable ecological and economic menace. This problem is not limited to large fish like suckerfish; even small aquarium fish such as guppies and goldfish, often dumped when owners can no longer care for them, can establish wild populations. Instead of releasing them, hobbyists should return unwanted fish to pet shops, rehome them with other aquarists, or seek guidance from local aquariums and fisheries departments.

### Economic and ecological burden

Globally, the scale of economic loss is staggering. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) estimates that invasive alien species cost the world over $423 billion annually, a figure that has quadrupled every decade since 1970. Asia bears a heavy share of this burden, with agriculture and aquaculture losses running into billions. India is no exception, having lost around 127.3 billion over the past 60 years.

The ecological consequences are even more sobering. Native species are especially vulnerable because freshwater systems are already under pressure from pollution, dams, and over-extraction. An alien fish that breeds prolifically or alters food webs can tip the balance, pushing endemic species into decline. The result is not just the loss of biodiversity, but also the erosion of cultural and economic practices that depend on these waters. Yet, with sparse national-level data, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders are left grappling with the crisis without a clear picture of its true scale.

### Legalities and loopholes

India's legal framework does acknowledge the threat. For example, the Environment (Protection) Act (1986) prohibits the introduction of alien species that may threaten native biodiversity. The Biological Diversity Act (2002) also restricts the import and release of non-native species without approval from the National Biodiversity Authority. Yet, in practice, loopholes abound. Enforcement is patchy, ornamental fish imports continue with minimal oversight, and an active illegal trade ensures a steady inflow of potentially invasive species.

The gap between legislation and ground reality is precisely where invasions thrive. Prevention is key, and monitoring new arrivals is essential to stay ahead of potential invaders. Which species might become the next major invader in India? That is a question science cannot yet answer with certainty. The risk depends on ecological compatibility, life history traits, and pathways of introduction. What is clear, however, is that constant surveillance is essential.

Advanced tools such as environmental DNA (eDNA) are now enabling such monitoring globally and have recently been applied in India. Alongside this, quarantine measures, routine monitoring of the aquarium trade, and community-level awareness campaigns are the first lines of defence. In the short term, India must focus on managing the 12 invasive alien fishes already recognised in its waters. In the longer term, attention must turn to preventing the entry of globally notorious invader species that have disrupted ecosystems elsewhere.

*(The writer is a researcher in the field of ecology and management of invasive alien fishes in India)*

DID YOU KNOW?

## How humans became upright

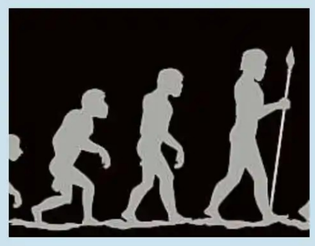
Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species* in 1859, but only in 1871 did he declare that humans, too, had evolved. In *The Descent of Man*, he argued that one of humanity's most striking traits was upright walking: "Man alone has become a biped."

Now scientists are uncovering the molecular steps behind this transformation. A new study in *Nature* suggests that early ancestors became bipeds when old genes took on new roles. Some genes became active in unexpected parts of the embryo, while others switched on and off at novel times.

All vertebrates have a pelvis, but only humans use it for upright, two-legged walking. Fossil evidence shows that bipedalism emerged about 5 million years ago, yet the developmental process remained unclear.

"Everything from the base of our skull to the tips of our toes has been changed in modern humans in order to facilitate bipedalism," says Tracy Kivell, a palaeoanthropologist at the Max Planck Institute. She notes that the study advances understanding not only of humans but also of ancient relatives, such as Denisovans.

As humans evolved, the pelvis took on a wide, bowl-like form essential for walking upright. But how that change occurred puzzled scientists.



"The human pelvis is dramatically different from what you see in chimpanzees and gorillas," says study co-author Terence Capellini, a developmental geneticist at Harvard University.

To investigate, researchers examined human pelvic development across stages, comparing it with mouse embryos and other primates, including gibbons and chimpanzees. They focused on the ilium, the pelvic bone that supports internal organs and anchors muscles for stability. Samples came from museum collections, some preserved for over a century.

The analysis revealed two crucial steps in shaping the human ilium. The first occurs around seven weeks of gestation. Like in other primates, the ilium begins as a vertical cartilage rod. However, in humans, it soon rotates 90 degrees, resulting in a short, broad pelvis. The second step comes much later, around 24 weeks, when cartilage is replaced by bone. In humans, ossification is delayed compared to other primates, allowing cartilage to preserve the ilium's distinctive shape as it grows.

These developmental quirks, driven by shifts in gene activity, ultimately sculpted the pelvis for efficient bipedalism. Together, they help explain how an ancient evolutionary puzzle gave rise to one of humanity's most defining features — the ability to walk on two legs.

**- Surendra Pai**

## Trump's tariffs hurting India, people losing jobs: Tharoor

**SINGAPORE, PTI:** Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday said the tariffs imposed by the US have severely impacted India, with job losses already mounting, even as he lashed out at American President Donald Trump for being "mercurial" in nature and for not honouring conventional standards of diplomatic behaviour.

The US has imposed a 50 per cent tariff — including a 25 per cent penalty for buying Russian oil — on shipments from India.

India needs to diversify export markets to mitigate the impact of tariffs, Tharoor said, adding that 1.35 lakh people have lost jobs in the gems and jewellery business, and seafood and manufacturing sectors.

"Trump is a very mercurial individual, and the American system gives the President an amazing amount of leeway," he said while replying to a query related to Indo-US relationship and imposition of tariffs at a conference organised by CREDAI, India's apex industry body for the real estate sector.

Tharoor further said: "Even though there have been 44 or 45 presidents before him, no one has ever seen this kind of behaviour coming down from the White House".

# Suspect in Charlie Kirk assassination captured

### Family tip leads to capture of activist's killer

OREM (US), AFP

US authorities said Friday they had captured the man accused of killing prominent right-wing activist Charlie Kirk after a family member helped to turn him in, ending a frantic manhunt.

"We got him," Utah Governor Spencer Cox told a press conference.

Cox identified the suspect as Tyler Robinson and said the arrest was made after one of Robinson's relatives contacted a friend, who then contacted the police. The arrest raised a bitterly divided country's hopes of finding answers to the shocking political murder on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old was killed by a single bullet to the neck while addressing a large crowd at Utah Valley University in the town of Orem. Kirk was an electrifying presence on the US far-right, with a huge following that helped Donald Trump build the youth vote in his election victory last November.

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A television monitor displays a picture of Tyler Robinson, the suspect accused of killing Charlie Kirk, in Orem on Friday. AFP

The president immediately treated the killing of his ally as a matter of top national importance, ordering flags to fly at half-mast and saying he would attend Kirk's funeral.

Kirk's hardline views on race, gender, gun ownership and what many described as his anti-Semitism made him an intensely divisive figure, although even opponents praised his willingness to debate.

While authorities said they did not know the motive, Cox noted that anti-fascist slogans were inscribed on two of the unused bullet casings.

One cartridge bore the words, "Hey, fascist! Catch!"

Another featured "Bella ciao," apparently a reference to a World War II-era Italian anti-fascist song. Other cartridges were marked with symbols and wording that appeared to be linked to online gaming culture.

Authorities took 33 hours to make the arrest. They quickly found the alleged murder weapon, a high-powered hunting rifle, and released photos of a young man dressed in a baseball cap and casual clothing.

However, after detaining and then releasing two people who turned out to be unconnected to the case, the police and FBI appeared to struggle.

Late Thursday, officials in Orem released more details about the suspect's clothing and initial movements after the shooting, pleading with the public to help identify him.

FBI Director Kash Patel said the arrest was finally made at 10:00 pm Thursday.

Trump said he wanted the death penalty for the gunman.

Reflecting the highly political nature of the killing, Kirk's coffin was transported to his home city of Phoenix on Vice President JD Vance's official plane.

### 'Civil War' mentions surge online

**NYT NEWS SERVICE:** Minutes after the shooting of right-wing influencer Charlie Kirk in Utah on Wednesday, calls for civil war began appearing online.

The term "civil war" was mentioned on Wednesday more than 129,000 times on social platform X. On Thursday, it was mentioned at least 210,000 times. That was up from a daily average of around 18,000 in previous months. Many of the posts that included the phrase were reposted on other platforms, including Truth Social, TikTok and Instagram.

The talk of civil war came largely from Republican lawmakers, right-wing media personalities and conservative podcasters. Some questioned whether America was already engaged in a civil war over its values, while others called for violence after Kirk's death.

Among those who used the phrase were Alex Jones, the creator of Infowars, a right-wing media platform; Chaya Raichik, who is behind the prominent LibsofTikTok social media account and Andrew Tate, a right-wing influencer.

## WORLD AT A GLANCE

Nato Secretary General Mark Rutte speaks during a press conference on the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones, in Brussels on Friday. AFP

### Imran accuses Pak Army chief of targeting his sister, wife

▸ Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan accused Army chief Asim Munir of targeting women of his family, saying the general has buried all morality and is running things under the "Dacoits and Duffers Alliance", PTI reports from Lahore.

"All the atrocities against me and my family are being committed under orders from Asim Munir. Our country is currently under 'Asim Law'. Munir has buried all morality, running things under the 'Dacoits and Duffers Alliance.' The most glaring proof of this moral collapse is that even the women of my family are being targeted," Khan said in a social media post on Friday. The 72-year-old former cricketer-turned politician has been in jail for over two years in multiple cases. Khan accused Munir of running a campaign against his sister Aleema. "My sisters and my wife have nothing to do with politics. Aleema only comes forward to convey my message. The campaign being waged against her is shameful and stands as undeniable proof of the cowardice and fear of the regime imposed on the country," Khan said.

### China flaunts new aircraft carrier

▸ China's newest aircraft carrier has sailed through the Taiwan Strait, the navy said Friday. The body of water separates China from Taiwan, the self-governing island that Beijing says must come under its control, AP/PTI reports from Beijing.

The sailing could serve as a warning to the US and others against support for Taiwan, though China played down any such motive. The Fujian, which is doing sea trials ahead of its commissioning, was heading to the South China Sea to conduct training and scientific experiments, the navy said in a short post on social media. The navy said the carrier's activities were not targeting anyone else. It was the first time the Fujian had passed through the strait.

South Korean police roll up a protest banner showing a depiction of US President Donald Trump at the Incheon International Airport on Friday. AFP

### Vaccine to save koalas approved

▸ A regulator has approved a world-first vaccine to protect koalas from chlamydia infections, which are causing infertility and death in the iconic native species that is listed as endangered in parts of Australia, AP/PTI reports from Melbourne.

The single-dose vaccine was developed by the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland state after more than a decade of research led by professor of microbiology Peter Timms. The research showed the vaccine reduced the likelihood of koalas developing symptoms of chlamydia during breeding age and decreased mortality from the disease in wild populations by at least 65%. The approval means the vaccine can now be used in wildlife hospitals, veterinary clinics and in the field to protect the nation's most at-risk koalas, Timms said on Wednesday.

### Albania anti-graft 'minister' is AI

▸ Albania's leader said Friday his new cabinet will include an artificial intelligence "minister" who will oversee public funding projects and fight corruption in public tenders, AP/PTI reports from Tirana (Albania).

Prime Minister Edi Rama said Diella, whose name means "Sun" in Albanian, is a "member of the Cabinet who is not present physically but has been created virtually from artificial intelligence."

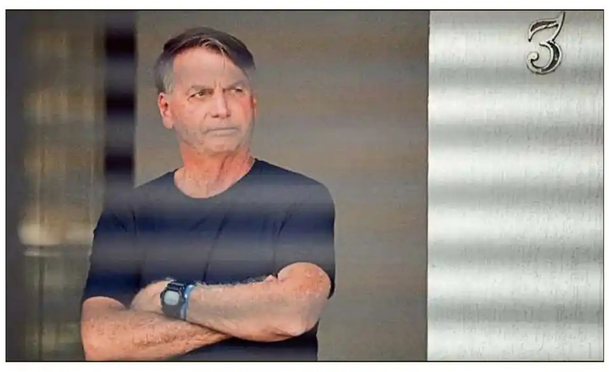
Rama said Diella would help ensure that "public tenders will be 100 per cent free of corruption." He added that it would also help the government work faster and with full transparency, in a post on his Facebook page on Friday.

Singer and actress Julianne Hough attends the 4th annual Caring For Women dinner at The Pool, in New York on Thursday. AFP

# Bolsonaro sentenced to 27 years for coup plot

### Trump slams Brazil verdict as 'witch hunt'

BRASÍLIA, AFP


Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro at his home while under house arrest in Brasília. REUTERS FILE

Brazil's Supreme Court on Thursday sentenced firebrand ex-president Jair Bolsonaro to 27 years in prison for plotting a coup, in a landmark trial that divided the nation and provoked fury in Washington.

The ruling could see the 70-year-old far-right leader spend the rest of his life behind bars. Judges voted 4–1 to convict Bolsonaro of attempting to overthrow Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva following his October 2022 election defeat by the left-winger. Prosecutors said the plan collapsed only because Brazil's military chiefs withheld support.

Bolsonaro's defence team denounced the punishment as "incredibly excessive" and vowed to appeal, "including at the international level."

Washington reacted sharply to the conviction of the man often nicknamed "the Trump of the tropics" after his 2019 election victory. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the United States "will respond accordingly" to what he described as a politically motivated "witch hunt." Brazil's foreign ministry hit back, declaring it would not be intimidated by Rubio's "threats."

Trump, who imposed steep tariffs on Brazil in response to Bolsonaro's prosecution, called the verdict "very surprising."

He praised Bolsonaro as a "good president" and a "good man," adding that his legal troubles were "very much like what they tried to do with me."

The Supreme Court had already secured the simple majority needed for conviction earlier in the week, but the verdict was finalised after the fifth and last judge, Cristiano Zanin —Lula's former lawyer—issued his decision. "An armed criminal organisation was formed by the defendants, who must be convicted based on the proven facts," Zanin said.

Bolsonaro's seven co-defendants, including ex-ministers and former military leaders, were also convicted.

The former army captain, who served a single term from 2019 to 2022, insists he is the target of political persecution.

Speaking outside his father's home in Brasília, Senator Flavio Bolsonaro said his father was "holding his head high in the face of this persecution, because history will show we are on the right side." He added that Bolsonaro's allies would use "all their might" to rally Congress behind an amnesty bill.

### India's Russian oil purchase causes rift, says Trump

**NEW YORK, PTI:** US President Donald Trump said imposing tariffs on India for buying Russian oil is not an easy decision and it "causes a rift with India."

"Look, India was their biggest customer. I put a 50 per cent tariff on India because they're buying oil from Russia. That's not an easy thing to do. That's a big deal and it causes a rift with India," Trump said in an interview with Fox and Friends on Friday, when asked what clamping down on Russian President Vladimir Putin entails.

"But I've already done it. I've done a lot," Trump added.

"And remember this is a Europe problem much more than our problem," he said.

In the interview, Trump also repeated his claim that he has solved seven conflicts so far in his second term as President.

"I solved seven wars. I did so many, including Pakistan and India, but big ones; some were unsolvable, Congo and Rwanda. I solved it. It had been going on for 31 years, with millions of people killed. I solved wars that were unsolvable," he said.

Defending its purchase of Russian crude oil, India has maintained that its energy procurement is driven by national interest and market dynamics.

# India votes for two-state solution in Israel-Palestine conflict

UNITED NATIONS, PTI

India on Friday voted in favour of a resolution in the UN General Assembly that endorses the 'New York Declaration' on peaceful settlement of the Palestine issue and implementation of the two-state solution.

The resolution, introduced by France, was adopted with an overwhelming 142 nations voting in favour, 10 against and 12 abstentions. Those voting against included Argentina, Hungary, Israel and the US.

India was among the 142 nations that voted in favour of the resolution titled 'Endorsement of the New York Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution'. The declaration was circulated at a high-level international conference held in July at the UN headquarters and co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia.

In the declaration, the leaders "agreed to take collective action to end the war in Gaza, to achieve a just, peaceful and lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the effective implementation of the two-state solution, and to build a better future for Palestinians, Israelis and all peoples of the region".

The declaration called on the Israeli leadership to issue a clear public commitment to the two-state solution, including a sovereign, and viable Palestinian State.

It also called on Israel to "immediately end violence and incitement against Palestinians, to immediately halt all settlement, land grabs and annexation activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, publicly renounce any annexation project or settlement policy, and put an end to settlers' violence".

It also reaffirmed "support for the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination".

"Recent developments have highlighted, once again, and more than ever, the terrifying human toll and the grave implications for regional and international peace and security of the persistence of the Middle East conflict," the declaration said.

"Absent decisive measures towards the two-state solution and robust international guarantees, the conflict will deepen and regional peace will remain elusive," it added.

# France sends jets to Poland, UK ramps up sanctions against Russia

**WARSAW, AP/PTI:** France said on Friday that it's deploying fighter jets to Poland and the UK announced fresh sanctions targeting Russia's oil revenues and war machine as Europe's first, measured steps to Russia's drone incursion into Poland aimed to send a signal to Moscow that any further aggression won't go unchecked.

French President Emmanuel Macron said he would deploy three advanced Rafale fighter jets to help protect Poland's airspace and NATO's eastern flank to fulfill a commitment he made to Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

He said the deployment was discussed with both NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

"The security of the European continent is our top priority. We will not yield to Russia's growing intimidation," Macron posted on X.

Britain's new sanctions include bans on 70 vessels that the UK says is part of Russia's "shadow fleet" that transports Russian oil in defiance of sanctions already in place. Some 30 individuals and companies — including Chinese and Turkey-based firms — have also been sanctioned for their part in supplying Russia with electronics, chemicals, explosives and other weapons components.

The new sanctions came as British Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper made her first trip to Kyiv Friday after her appointment a week ago following Starmer's Cabinet shake-up.

Cooper said her visit is a demonstration of solidarity with Ukraine which faces a tenfold missile and drone Russian assault from a year ago. "The UK will not stand idly by as Putin continues his barbaric invasion of Ukraine," Cooper said.

DEADLY CENSORSHIP

# North Korea executes people for watching foreign films and TV

GENEVA, REUTERS

North Korea has executed people for distributing foreign media, including South Korean television dramas, in an intensifying crackdown on personal freedoms, a UN human rights report said on Friday.

Surveillance has grown more pervasive since 2014 with the help of new technologies, while punishments have become harsher -- including the introduction of the death penalty for offences such as sharing foreign TV dramas, the report said.

The curbs make North Korea the most restrictive country in the world, said the 14-page U.N. report, which was based on interviews with more than 300 witnesses and victims who had fled the country and reported the further erosion of freedoms.

James Heenan, head of the U.N. human rights office for North Korea, told a Geneva briefing that the number of executions for both normal and political crimes had increased since COVID-19 era restrictions.

An unspecified number of people have already been executed under the new laws for distributing foreign TV series, including the popular K-Dramas from its southern neighbour, he added.

"Under laws, policies and practices introduced since 2015, citizens have been subjected to increased surveillance and control in all parts of life," the report's conclusion said. The sweeping UN review comes more than a decade after a landmark UN report found that North Korea had committed crimes against humanity. The new report covered developments since 2014.

North Korea's Geneva diplomatic mission and its London embassy did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The DPRK said in response to UN rights investigators that it rejected a UN Human Rights Council resolution authorising the latest report. Sometimes children are made to work in forced labour, including so-called "shock brigades" for tough sectors such as coal mining and construction, Heenan said from Seoul. "They're often children from the lower level of society, because they're the ones who can't bribe their way out of it, and these shock brigades are engaged in often very hazardous and dangerous work," said Heenan.

The report also found some limited improvements, such as reduced use of violence by guards in detention facilities, and new laws that appear to strengthen fair trial guarantees.

### 107 killed in Congo as whaleboat sinks

**KINSHASA, REUTERS:** At least 107 people have died after a whaleboat caught fire in the west of the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to an internal government report seen by Reuters on Friday.

The boat, a narrow, double-ended open vessel caught fire on the Congo River near Malange village in Lukolela territory on Thursday evening, leaving 146 people missing, the Ministry of Social Affairs said in the memo.

Rescue teams recovered 209 survivors after the vessel burned and drifted downstream. The fire also destroyed cargo on board and ignited 15 riverside homes. Search operations continued on Friday with naval personnel and volunteers combing the banks while authorities pledged medical care for the injured, aid to bereaved families and the repatriation of survivors.

# Retail inflation rises to 2.07% in August on uptick in food prices

## 'Impact of GST rate cut on CPI to be visible from October'

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The annual retail inflation rose to 2.07% in August from an eight-year low of 1.61% recorded in the previous month driven by uptick in food prices, official data showed on Friday.

Despite the marginal increase, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based headline inflation remains substantially lower than the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4%.

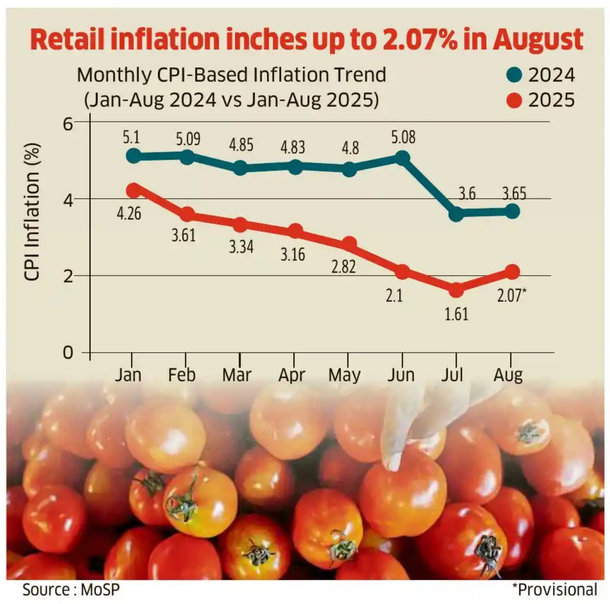
Food prices remained in the deflationary zone for the third consecutive month. However, there was an uptick of 107 basis points in food price on a month-on-month basis. In August, food inflation stood at -0.69% against -1.76% recorded in July. Food inflation accounts for nearly half of the CPI basket.

The uptick in food inflation was led by the surge in tomato prices. Tomatoes became costlier by 16.9% year-on-year in August.

Inflation was lower in rural areas when compared with the urban areas. Rural inflation stood at 1.69% while the urban areas witnessed an inflation of 2.47% during the month under review.

There was a wide regional variation in the price rise. The states like Kerala, Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Tamil Nadu recorded much higher inflation than the national average.

Retail inflation in Kerala stood at 9.04% in August against the national average of 2.07%. In Karnataka, retail inflation stood at 3.81%, while Tamil Nadu recorded an inflation of 2.93%. However, some states like Assam and Odisha recorded negative inflation, meaning overall retail prices in these states during the month of August were lower when compared with the same month last year.




Out of 35 states and union territories (UTs), the CPI inflation in 26 States/UTs was below 4%. Only two states / UTs namely Kerala and Lakshadweep, recorded inflation above 6%, the central bank's upper tolerance limit.

The Kerala case is clearly the most interesting outlier. Rural Kerala witnessed inflation of 10.05%, while inflation in urban Kerala stood at 7.19%. The driving factor was the oil and fats. "In the case of Kerala the steep rise in coconut oil prices has driven the trend and local preference has dominated index momentum," SBI Research said in a note.

According to analysts, inflation is likely to remain low in the coming months due to the cut in goods and services tax (GST) rates.

"The full impact of GST rate rationalisation will start commencing from October. We expect FY26 retail inflation to average around 3%," said Paras Jasrai, Associate Director, India Ratings and Research.

"With the GST rate cuts being implemented on September 22, 2025, the impact of the same on the CPI inflation is unlikely to be material in the ongoing month, given that the average monthly prices are used for computation of the price indices," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA.

While the low inflation trajectory is good news for the consumers, it is not so good for the government balance sheet. Impact of slower GDP growth is already visible in government finances and tax collection growth trailing FY26 budget targets.

"The demand push due to GST rate rationalisation will be key to monitor for fiscal impact," said Jasrai.

Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist, CareEdge Ratings, said the GST rate rationalisation is likely to bring down the CPI inflation by 70-90 basis points. "With food inflation subdued and demand-side pressures contained, we now lower our inflation projection for FY26 to 2.7% from 3.1% earlier," Sinha said.

# Foreign investor entry eased, min size for large IPOs lowered

**Foreign investors have withdrawn $11.7 billion from India so far in 2025**

MUMBAI, REUTERS

The markets regulator on Friday made it easier for sovereign-backed and overseas retail funds to access the local markets through a single-window clearance system.

The board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), which met in Mumbai, also reduced the proportion of shares large companies looking to list must sell and announced simpler disclosures for low-value transactions between interconnected entities, or "related parties".

Outflows from Indian markets have accelerated in recent months, pressured by steep US tariffs, weak corporate earnings, and higher valuations versus Asian and emerging market peers. Foreign investors have withdrawn $11.7 billion from Indian equities and debt so far in 2025.

Overseas investors access Indian markets through multiple routes, with compliance requirements differing based on the type of investor, their structure and the assets they hold.

The regulator lowered the proportion of shares large companies looking to list must sell to 2.5% of the share capital from 5%, provided their market capitalisation is more than 5 trillion rupees after the IPO. This will make it easier for the market to absorb the sizeable offerings, SEBI said.

The regulator has been fastracking clearances in the world's second-largest IPO market, which is expected to notch a record fundraise of about $20 billion in 2025.

SEBI also relaxed the deadline for large companies to meet the 25% public float requirement to five years from three years.

Firms with a post-listing market cap exceeding Rs 1 lakh crore will be allowed up to 10 years to comply with the norm, it said.

# Infosys approves Rs 18,000 cr share buyback

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The board of directors of Infosys, India's second largest IT services firm, on Thursday approved a share buyback proposal worth Rs 18,000 crore at a price of Rs 1,800 per equity share payable in cash. The buyback amount is at a premium of about 19% to its Thursday's closing price of Rs 1,509.50 per share on the BSE.

**Infosys** announces largest-ever share buyback program worth **Rs 18,000 cr**

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| **10** Cr shares* | 2025 | Rs **18,000** Cr |
| **6** Cr shares | 2022 | Rs **9,300** Cr |
| **5.5** Cr shares | 2021 | Rs **9,200** Cr |
| **11** Cr shares | 2019 | Rs **8,260** Cr |
| **11.3** Cr shares | 2017 | Rs **13,000** Cr |

*at Rs 1,800/share; 2.4% of company's total paid-up capital

The buyback comprises of a purchase of 100 million fully paid-up equity shares of the company of face value of Rs 5 each representing up to 2.41% of the total number of equity shares in the existing total paid-up equity share capital of the company (on a standalone basis), from the equity shareholders as on a record date which will be announced later.

The buyback size does not exceed 25% of the aggregate of the paid-up capital and free reserves, based on the latest audited interim condensed standalone and consolidated financial statement of the company as on June 30, 2025, Infosys said in a regulatory filing. The record date has not been announced yet by the company.

This is its fifth and largest share buyback programme. The previous share buyback programme was announced in 2022 and the company had bought back shares worth Rs 9,300 crore at a maximum price of Rs 1,850 per equity share.

The buyback is proposed to be made from all equity shareholders as on the record date by cancelling American Depositary Shares (ADSs) and withdrawing underlying equity shares on a proportionate basis through the tender offer route, in accordance with the provisions of the Sebi (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 and the Companies Act, 2013.

# TCS to develop India's sovereign cloud ecosystem

NEW DELHI, PTI

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday said it has signed a pact with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) to drive and scale the development of India's sovereign cloud ecosystem.

The collaboration will focus on research to develop indigenous technologies and deliver scalable, AI-enabled cloud platforms that align with India's data localisation mandates and support the digitisation of critical public sector services, the company said in a regulatory filing.

"The collaboration with C-DAC, India's premier R&D institution under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), will develop and integrate indigenous innovations into TCS' sovereign cloud stack. This move will support the secure and compliant hosting of critical government applications, including e-Sanjeevani, Dial 112, and workloads from central ministries," it said.

The partnership will enable faster enterprise adoption by improving security, compliance, and performance across key sectors such as healthcare, defence, smart cities, and BFSI.

It aims to reduce dependence on global hyperscalers by creating a future-ready sovereign cloud ecosystem based on OpenStack and indigenous technologies.

Through joint initiatives and public sector engagement, TCS and C-DAC aim to establish sovereign cloud platforms as the primary choice for digital transformation initiatives in India.

"By collaborating with C-DAC, we are combining indigenous R&D, public sector infrastructure, and TCS's enterprise expertise to deliver secure, scalable, and future-ready cloud platforms tailored to the needs of a digitally empowered India," Girish Ramachandran, President - Growth Markets at TCS, said.

# Gold, silver scale fresh highs on global cues

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** Gold and silver prices hit fresh peaks on Friday, with the yellow metal hitting Rs 1,13,800 per 10 grams, and silver crossing Rs 1,32,000 per kilogram in the national capital, buoyed by strong global demand and heightened expectations of an interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve next week.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the precious metal of 99.9% purity extended gains for the fourth straight session by jumping Rs 700 to hit a record high of Rs 1,13,800 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes).

It had closed at Rs 1,13,100 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

The yellow metal prices have added Rs 34,850 per 10 grams or 44.14% in the current calendar year, climbing from Rs 78,950 per 10 grams on December 31, 2024.

In the local bullion markets, gold of 99.5% purity climbed Rs 700 to Rs 1,13,300 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), marking its lifetime peak on Friday.

It had settled at Rs 1,12,600 per 10 grams on Thursday.

"The rally in precious metal prices is driven by recent US macroeconomic data that heightened expectations of multiple interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve before the end of 2025, which encouraged buying activity in bullion," said Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities.

Meanwhile, silver staged a sharp rebound, snapping its two-day losing streak with a jump of Rs 4,000 to hit an all-time high of Rs 1,32,000 per kilogram. "The silver rally benefited from a positive trend in industrial metals," Gandhi added.

## Forex reserves jump $4 bn to $698.27 bn

**MUMBAI, PTI: India's forex reserves jumped $4.038 billion to $698.268 billion during the week ended September 5 on the back of a sizeable increase in value of gold reserves, the RBI data said on Friday.**

**In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had jumped by $3.51 billion to $694.23 billion.**

**For the week ended September 5, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by $540 million to $584.477 billion, the data showed.**

**Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.**

**The gold reserves increased by $3.53 billion to $0.299 billion during the week, the data said.**

# Japan's Hosoda to invest Rs 882 crore in solar cell plant

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Japan's Hosoda Holdings will establish a solar cell manufacturing unit in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs 882 crore, Industries Minister M B Patil said on Friday.

The project will be implemented in collaboration with Tong Thar Energy Solutions (TTES). Initially, TTES had planned an investment of Rs 490 crore. The agreement for the project was signed at the Global Investors Meet in February.

A delegation, led by Patil, is in Japan to attract investments into the state. The delegation held a meeting with Hosoda Holdings Chairman Nakamura San on Friday regarding the proposed project.

The partnership with TTES has increased the total investment, and the project is expected to generate employment for 500 people, Patil said in a statement.

He also confirmed the increase in the proposed investment and welcomed the company's decision, noting it aligns with the state government's focus on solar power generation.

Japanese sports equipment manufacturer Inabata has assured the Karnataka delegation that its unit will start operations by 2027. The delegation also confirmed that necessary land acquisition and approvals will be provided promptly.

Additionally, Tetsujikawa, a company specialising in engraving and die-cutting technology, informed the delegation about its plans to expand its manufacturing operations in Karnataka.

Tsujikawa has been operational in Karnataka since 2013 through Tsujikawa India Pvt Ltd located at KIADB Industrial Area in Malur of Kolar district. The company reaffirmed its plans to expand its manufacturing presence in the state to cater to the growing demand from hygiene and medical industries.

The government of Karnataka assured full support to Tsujikawa's expansion journey, reinforcing the state's commitment to nurturing high-value, advanced manufacturing investments.

Patil was accompanied by senior officials, including Selvakumar S, Principal Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industries, and Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development.

## BEML partners DIAT to foster innovation in defence sector

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** BEML Limited, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, and the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), a Deemed University under the Ministry of Defence, have entered into a strategic partnership to foster innovation and academic excellence in the Defence and Aerospace sectors.

This collaboration paves the way for advanced research in frontier technologies, academic programs leading to postgraduate and doctoral degrees, and the development of frameworks such as case studies, white papers, and study articles. It also envisions a deeper exchange of knowledge through capsule programmes, industry immersions, etc.

## India, EU working sincerely to finalise balanced free trade pact: Piyush Goyal

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** India and the European Union are working with sincerity and commitment to finalise a comprehensive and balanced free trade agreement that will benefit businesses and consumers on both sides, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday.

Addressing the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) here, he said such an agreement cannot be a one-sided arrangement, as every negotiation involves a certain degree of give and take to ensure fairness and balance.

Goyal said, "he has long hours of jostling and fighting" with the EU Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic on the proposed pact, but "I can tell you, he is a tough negotiator, very difficult to get anything past Maros". India and the EU are engaged in the 13th round (September 8-12) of negotiations for the agreement here. Sefcovic and the European Commission's agriculture commissioner, Christophe Hansen, are here to review the progress of talks with Goyal. Both sides have targeted to conclude the negotiations by December.

The minister added that it is also important not to let the "search for a perfect deal become the enemy of progress", and stressed that the direction in which the negotiations are moving is extremely positive. He expressed confidence that the possibilities being unlocked through this process are immense.

MISSION SEMICONDUCTORS

# Embrace chips, India, and skip those tech dreams

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Bloomberg Opinion: It is a truth universally acknowledged that a nation of reasonable size and prosperity must be in want of a semiconductor industry. India is no exception to the global rush to subsidise chip fabrication; the government set aside $10 billion for new facilities in 2022 and it has plans to double that amount.

There are expectations that money will provide a return soon. Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised that the country would soon have a "significant share" in a market worth over a trillion dollars: "Our journey began late but nothing can stop us now. India is now moving from the back-end to becoming a full-stack semiconductor nation."

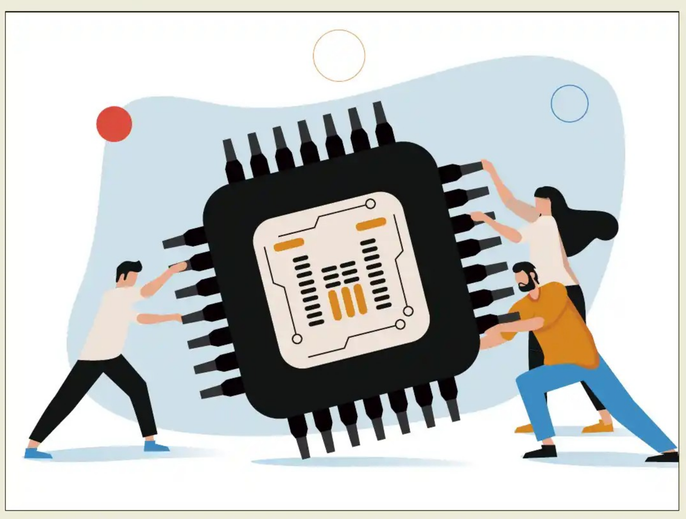
There have certainly been some successes. Modi was presented with the first "made in India" chips after his speech. But the government's ambition should be tempered with reality — particularly when it's spending billions that the harassed finance ministry can barely spare from other priorities.

The chips shown to Modi give us a clue as to what might work swiftly. They were developed by a special laboratory that's part of India's space program, and designed for the harsh conditions of space — or, not incidentally, for missiles. They're cheap, functional and robust. But they aren't cutting-edge: They're based on 180-nanometer technologies that are decades old, the same sort that were used in Intel Corp.'s Pentium-IIIs at the turn of the century. (For context, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Co. is expected to go into mass production for 2-nanometer chips later this year.)

That isn't a criticism. If these get the job done efficiently, then it's safer and more effective to use a mature, proven technology. Nor does it mean India lacks the capability to produce more advanced microprocessors. Last month, the minister for information technology said that 28-nm chips would begin to be produced next year at CG Power & Industrial Solutions Ltd.'s factory in Gujarat. Nineother new plants, with Japanese, Taiwanese, American or Israeli partners, are in various stages of completion.

But as the government pulls together more money for the next stage of its semiconductor mission, it should be cautious. The 28-nm chips aren't exactly new either: TSMC built its first dedicated foundry using that technology in 2011. But they're more than modern enough to meet most requirements.

Advanced processors — which



US export controls described in 2022 as being those "smaller" than 16nm — are used in AI data centers, mobile phones, and a few other such applications. They're where the big profits are for most global chipmakers.

But profit isn't the purpose of India's semiconductor mission. It's to ensure that other parts of the country's manufacturing base — automobiles, household electronics — don't suffer if the supply of semiconductors is suddenly cut off. The government is spending billions to bolster economic security, not to earn dividends from cutting-edge products that, so far, only East Asian companies seem capable of producing at scale.

It's worrying, therefore, that officials are claiming that "we already have a clear road map to enable companies to manufacture 7-nm and above chips within the next five to seven years." Even if this timeline is possible, it may not be the right choice. There is a space on the global supply chain that India can and will fill: Mature designs that provide security and support a wider manufacturing ecosystem. The government shouldn't let high-end dreams divert its attention or resources from what's actually needed.

The private sector has already spoken on this subject. Attempts to lure the most advanced chipmakers — TSMC or Intel — to India have not worked. Partly that's because the government has less cash to hand out, and its subsidy system is designed to share risk with companies and not minimize it. But it's also because there are a limited number of top-of-the-line plants that can be built at any time, and C-suites think they're better located elsewhere.

If India wants to move up the value chain, it needs to show it has mastered the basics. There's hard work to be done first: Demonstrating the scale at which legacy chips can be made here, building up an experienced and reliable workforce, developing the innovation, design, and testing hubs that will attract the pickiest manufacturers. That's honest work, and if it succeeds, it will be enough to be proud of. India doesn't need to stop dreaming about high-end semiconductors. It just shouldn't chase them.

# Happy accidents

**Valsala Rajan writes about how chance and curiosity gave rise to big inventions**

Serendipity (isn't that a lovely word?) means a happy accident. Something good or interesting that is discovered when no one is really looking for it, and perhaps is in the hunt for something else. Of course, the intelligence to question, the curiosity to observe, and the enthusiasm to understand are always a part of the process. Take that famous story from the 17th century, about Newton and the apple. It probably didn't fall on his head, but he did see an apple fall (there is, indeed, an apple tree in the garden of the house he lived in as a child). The falling apple didn't tell the whole story of gravity — that was all Newton. "Why did it fall down?" he asked. "Why not sideways or up?" It all sounds fundamental now that we all know about gravity. But it was Newton who asked the questions that led to the 'discovery' of this basic fact.

Although this remains one of the most famous stories, many more happy accidents have taken place in the world of science. Let's look at a few.

**1895:** Wilhelm Roentgen was experimenting with cathode rays and their characteristics in various vacuum tubes. And then he noticed something — a fluorescent glow on a screen near the tube, even when it was shielded from the tube by black cardboard. These mystery 'X-rays' could pass through most things, except bone and metal. Roentgen took a 'photo' of his wife's hand using the rays and could clearly see her skeletal hand and the metallic wedding ring. The next time we have a fracture; we have Roentgen's observation and curiosity to thank.

**1928:** In the midst of work with Staphylococcus bacteria (which commonly cause skin and urinary infections), Alexander Fleming went on holiday, leaving an uncleaned petri dish open on his lab counter. When he came back, he found that some disgusting mould had grown in the dish and was about to throw it away when he noticed that there was a clear border around one of the mouldy spots. Curious, he experimented further. The mould seemed to be producing a substance that killed bacteria. Can you begin to imagine the number of lives that Penicillium notatum (what we now know as Penicillin) has saved?

**1938:** Your mother is always going on about using less oil, and probably uses Teflon cookware in the kitchen. Teflon is considered one of the slipperiest substances in existence. Roy J Plunkett was working with gases related to refrigerants and accidentally found that a frozen cylinder of tetrafluoroethylene had transformed into polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), which was waxy and slippery and impervious to most other chemicals. Voila! A superior coating material was found.

**1945:** A bar of chocolate melting in your pocket wouldn't excite most of us. But Percy Spencer was working with a magnetron (a vacuum tube that converts electrical energy into microwaves), and it occurred to him that that might have something to do with the melted chocolate. He put some popcorn kernels near the magnetron, and lo and behold, they became fluffy. An egg near the magnetron exploded! Spencer realised that a magnetron could help cook food quickly and experimented some more. He created a metal box into which he fed microwave power. The energy trapped inside the box created a high-density magnetic field. The microwave oven was born.

**1955:** You have to wear a pesky dhoti for a wedding? No problem! Just get a ready-made Velcro one! Tying shoelaces a bother? Use Velcro fasteners! But if burrs stick to your clothes and your dogs' fur when you're out for a country walk, it's a bother, isn't it? George de Mestral didn't think that way. He examined the burrs under a microscope and discovered that the burrs' hooks were attaching themselves to the loops in the fabric of his trousers. Aha! He got in some textile specialists and tried out different materials until he settled on nylon for a hook-and-loop fastening system that was both durable and flexible.

**1956:** Coover lifted a TV presenter clear off the ground with a single drop of his super glue. Exciting? Well, it wasn't what the research team, including Coover, were looking for. They wanted to find a clear plastic that could be used in precision gunsights for soldiers at war. The sticky cyanoacrylates they discovered during their research were of no use to them! But, several years after the war, Coover started to think of other applications for the discarded cyanoacrylates. What a fantastic super glue it made! Also, a spray that could speedily bind wounds before getting the injured person to a hospital.

**1977:** While everyone always thinks bigger and stronger, post-it-notes' turned that mindset on its head. Spencer Silver was working on a super-strong adhesive but found one that stuck lightly and could be taken off without spoiling the surface. He was determined to find a use for it. Another scientist, Art Fry, hated the fact that the little scraps of paper he used to mark hymns for his church choir to sing kept falling out. Excited to hear about Silver's new find, the two partnered to come up with a new product useful as a bookmark, a message bearer, or wherever a quick, easy-to-use communication was required.

And this list could go on and on... Think radioactivity, vulcanised rubber, implantable pacemaker and so on. Curiosity can do much more than 'kill the cat'!

# 5 BOOKS THAT CELEBRATE ENGINEERS

**Engineers Day is on September 15**

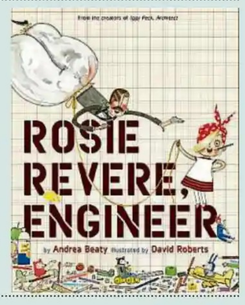
## When I Grow Up

**Author:** Priyadarshini Gogoi
Illustrated by Tarique Aziz, this picture book from Pratham Books was first published in 2020. It follows little Papori as she imagines herself in the shoes of different kinds of engineers — civil, aerospace, biomedical, and even cybersecurity. It presents engineering as an adventurous and creative field, and shows children how it can help people and save the planet.

## Ara the Star Engineer

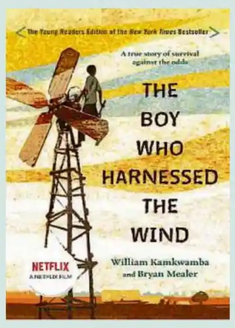
**Author:** Komal Singh
Written by a tech professional, this story, which came out in 2018, will inspire girls to become future innovators. Illustrated by Ipek Konak and published by Page Two Press, the book features Ara, a curious girl with Deedee, her sidekick droid. She learns about algorithms and coding as she goes on a space-themed adventure. Along the way, she meets real-life women in technology such as an Intrepid Innovator, a Code Commander, and Prolific Problem Solver. They build and fail, launch and iterate, making the story both aspirational and relatable.

## Rosie Revere, Engineer




**Author:** Andrea Beaty
This 2013 picture book, illustrated by David Roberts, was published by Abrams Books. Rosie loves inventing gizmos and gadgets, and is inspired to create one when her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) mentions her one unfinished goal — to fly! Rosie feels discouraged by failure, but with encouragement from Rose, she learns that mistakes are part of the process. The book will foster resilience, creativity, and design thinking among young minds.

## The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind




**Author:** William Kamkwamba
This picture book was published in 2012 by Dial Books and illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. It is a true story by William Kamkwamba, in which the author, as a teenager from Malawi, sought a solution when his family went through a challenging time after losing their season's crops. Exploring science books in his village library, he struck upon the idea of building a windmill. Built from scrap metal and old bicycle parts, the windmill provided electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to cultivate their land. It is also now a Netflix film.

## Emma Ren: Robot Engineer

**Author:** Jenny Z Lu
Published in 2021 by Lulu Books LLC and illustrated by George Sweetland, this book introduces children to the world of robotics. Emma sets out to build a battle robot for her class competition, but her partner Jeremy believes girls aren't good at building things. The story gently walks readers through the engineering design cycle — ask, imagine, plan, create, test, and improve. It also reinforces the value of persistence and creativity, encouraging children to pursue their ideas fearlessly, regardless of gender.

**Word of the Week**

**ramshackle**

(adjective)
— in poor or broken-down condition

Usage:
— The children built a ramshackle toy truck using old wooden planks.
— Aadhi stayed in a ramshackle cottage by the beach, with peeling paint and a leaky roof.

# Dear future self...

**Open Sesame readers write to their grown selves**

*Dear future Chinhitha Jasper,*

I'm Chinhitha Jasper from grade 3, I'm writing this letter to myself to be read years later.

What are you doing now? Do you still love singing and dancing? Are you writing articles and poems?

Now I'm in grade 3 and I'm learning lots of new things. I love singing and dancing and I enjoy writing articles and poems about things I love. I am hoping you have become good at singing and dancing, and become a good writer. Don't forget to be a brave, kind, loving person. Work hard and believe in yourself. I wonder what you will tell me if you could talk to me today.

With love ,
**CHINHITHA JASPER, 9**
Hosapete, Karnataka

*To the Wings that Lift Others Too,*

I am writing this letter to my future self, hoping that one day I will read it not only as Ankita, but as Captain Ankita G Chebbi.

I hope this letter finds you soaring high, both in the skies and in life. By the time you read this, I wonder if you have already become the pilot you always dreamt of being. Did you finally put on that uniform with pride, walk into the cockpit, and feel the joy of controlling an aircraft? I hope you never let go of that spark you carried in your heart as a teenager.

But more than flying planes, I hope you have learned to fly as a human being — by being kind, humble, and compassionate. Remember, the sky is vast, but the world is small, and how you treat others will always define you more than your achievements. Be the kind of person who inspires others not only with skills but also with warmth.

When the world calls you Captain Ankita Chebbi, may it not only mean the pilot who flies across skies but also the human who lifts hearts with kindness. Keep reaching for the skies, but let your feet stay rooted in values.

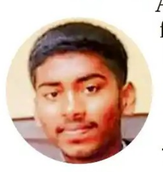
With love and hope,
**ANKITA CHEBBI, 15**
Hubballi, Karnataka

*To my future self,*

I believe you will be happy reading this. I am writing this letter now while I am still studying in the school, thinking about my future and setting goals. I think that you have reached your goals and learned how to live your life. I remember the time we spent in our childhood.

If you have not yet succeeded, don't worry. Remember what we promised to ourself, that we will give our best to reach our goal. Be determined like how we were in the childhood, learn from mistakes, and use them as a stepping stone towards your goal. I know that you will reach them and succeed.

Another thing, I believe that we will meet again in the future one day. I will be waiting eagerly to see you: you are superstar.



Thank you.
Your past self,
**SHREYAS B, 15**
Turuvekere, Karnataka

*Dear future me,*

I hope you're doing well and smiling as you read this. Right now, I'm a school-going student (pretty far back, huh?) who sings a lot, laughs at silly Wimpy Kid moments, and never says no to pani puri (by the way, do you still love pani puri?). I'm also a proud Potterhead who still dreams about getting that Hogwarts letter one day. Do you remember that I was a proud Swifty? Well, I still am.

I want you to remember these little things that should never change in you: your love for music and of course reading books. I hope you're still silly enough to laugh at Greg Hefley's ways and eat evening snacks with mom in the balcony. I hope you've grown stronger and better over the years.

I have so many questions which I'm bursting to ask you. Are you abroad or still staying in India? What are you working as? Let me guess: a singer, an author or an entrepreneur? Most of all, have you achieved your dream to make India proud in technology or music?

Stay sparkling and never stop dreaming. I'm expecting a letter soon!

**TANVI AKSHAY, 11**
Bengaluru, Karnataka

**This Week:**

# Outstanding Owens

Open Sesame Quiz

**Take the fun Open Sesame quiz, and stand a chance to win gift vouchers worth Rs 500. Open to children below 16 years.**

**Q1** Born September 12, 1913, Jesse Owens was an African-American track and field athlete. Who was his supportive coach at Fairmount Junior High School, to whom Owens attributed much of his success?

**Q2** On May 25, 1935, Owens won four events, set five world records and tied another at the Big Ten Championships. Which city was the scene of this yet-unequalled achievement?

**Q3** After striking gold at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, Owens declared that he was "snubbed" by someone who had "not even sent a telegram". Who was that personage?

**Scan the QR code**
Or visit bit.ly/DHopensesame to participate in the quiz.

**Q4** **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
**Clue A:** Owens' friendly German competitor: Luz__.
**Clue B:** Words set to music.

**Q5** **Clue Cluster:** Who said, "Giants like Jesse Owens show us why politics will never defeat the Olympic spirit"?
Use these clues:
a) President b) 1976
c) Eagle Scout
d) Betty

**LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: Guru (14), Chitradurga; Prajna Vernekar (13), Udupi; Adarsh B (14), Bengaluru.**

**POETS IN THE MAKING**

## Want to see your poetry in print?

**Send in poems about the topic 'My superpower' to *Open Sesame*. You may be featured in an upcoming edition. Mail your work — not more than 12 lines to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*. Entries close on September 18. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph.**

**ART CORNER**

## Love painting?

**Want to showcase your flair for colours? Send your paintings on the theme 'Festivities' to *Open Sesame* and stand a chance to get featured in an upcoming edition. Mail photographs of your work to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in*. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph of yourself. Entries close on September 25.**

Lviv
Menon and his family spent 3 months in Lviv after fleeing Kyiv in 2022.
Kyiv
He first moved to Kyiv in 1996.
In the early 1980s, he moved to Odesa for his medical studies.
Odesa

Dr U P R Menon and his wife Natalia (left)

## I'm an Indian doc in war zone

# Ukraine

**Dr U P R Menon studied medicine in Ukraine, married a Ukrainian, and settled in the country in 1980 when it was still a part of the Soviet Union. Life has turned turbulent since 2022, when Russia began bombing Kyiv**

On the night of February 23, 2022, I was sitting at a McDonald's, sipping coffee. Outside, everything was normal. The streets of Kyiv were alive with people carrying grocery bags and walking their pets. Cars were zooming by. Friends sitting with me rubbished the rumours that Kyiv would be attacked by the Russians.

For months we had heard warnings from the US and Europe about a Russian invasion, but honestly, we didn't believe a thing. I told myself it was just politics, with news anchors sensationalising things, and nothing more.

But the next morning I woke up to the sounds of bombing.

It was 4.30 am. As the windows rattled, the air suddenly felt heavy. Within minutes my family and I rushed to the underground parking of our building for shelter. When we ventured out later, the streets were starkly different. They were now occupied by soldiers, tanks and barricades. People were running for cover. Shops were emptying out. That was the day war truly entered our lives. For the first time, I understood what it meant to have one's homeland under attack. For a man born in Kerala and raised in the midst of swaying coconut palms, calm streams and monsoon-fed rice fields, this was truly dystopian. I had only read about war in newspapers and watched it in films. But I was now right in the middle of one.

And even now, the nightmare continues. Just recently, Russian missiles and drones struck the centre of Kyiv, killing civilians and damaging a government building. It was a brutal reminder that the war is not behind us.

### Journey to Ukraine

It was 1980 when I first set foot in Ukraine. I was just 19, a boy from Ernakulam, Kerala, with a bachelor's degree from Union Christian College. I had secured a scholarship to study in the USSR. Back then, it was a Soviet republic.

I spent the first year in Vinnytsia, studying Russian. It was far from easy. Learning a completely new language was a challenge. I still remember those cold evenings. I would sit by my hostel window, watching the cold streets outside and wondering if I had made the wrong decision. But slowly, the language became easier, I made new friends and the strange new country started to feel less strange. After that, I moved to Odesa for six years of medical studies.

Odesa was something else. Located on the shores of the Black Sea, it has a big port and beautiful beaches. The climate was milder than in Moscow and Leningrad, and the cityscape was a charming mix of Europe and Soviet sensibilities. For Indian students, Odesa became a second home. I was the first Indian scholar from Odesa Medical Institute, which later became a university.

### Trauma tech

I specialised in orthopedics and traumatology. The USSR was advanced in this area at that time, especially with the Ilizarov technique for trauma care. The Ilizarov apparatus is used to treat complex bone fractures, deformities and limb length discrepancies. The decision to study it shaped my whole life. After my studies, I returned briefly to Kochi, did my house surgeoncy, and worked at the Ernakulam Medical Centre. My parents were happy to see me back but destiny had other plans.

### Love and family

In my final year in Odesa, I met Natalia. She was then studying at the Odesa Engineering College. We got married in 1987. Back then in Kerala, such marriages were rare. Marrying a foreigner, that too from Ukraine, was unheard of. But my parents trusted me and supported my decision. Looking back, I feel grateful for that.

After some years in India, we returned to Moscow and finally moved back to Ukraine in 1996, settling in Kyiv. By then, Ukraine was an independent country, trying to build itself after the collapse of the Soviet Union. There was unrest and confusion, but also opportunity. People were tired of the party secretaries who lived in luxury while common citizens struggled. Slowly, private enterprises and foreign investments started coming in. Natalia worked at a furniture company and our son, Rajiv, grew up in Kyiv before moving to the US, where he now lives with his wife in Boston.

### Shifting ground

Even after gaining independence, Ukraine never really got to breathe freely. Russia's influence was everywhere — in its politics, economics and language. The Ukrainian language was neglected. People could see how Poland, Romania and Germany were progressing as part of the European Union, and naturally, they wanted a future on those lines. But Ukrainian leaders kept leaning towards Moscow.

In 2014, the tension exploded in the Revolution of Dignity, also known as Maidan revolution. I remember the protests. The crowds that thronged the central square demanded a new constitution and government. Eventually, the pro-Russian leaders fled. But Russia didn't sit quiet. They annexed Crimea and fuelled unrest in Donbass. From that year, the animosity between the two neighbours got worse.

But daily life continued. People went to work, children attended school, football matches were played in the evenings, and weddings, birthdays and festivals were celebrated. Kyiv was vibrant. Back then, I was working with the Ministry of Health and the Indian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (IPMA). At IPMA, I continue to represent Indian pharma companies — they supply a lot of medicine to Ukraine, especially for oncology, HIV and TB. I sit on decision-making committees and promote Indian healthcare. It is meaningful work and I feel I am building a bridge between India and Ukraine.

### Resistance scenes

Then came that February morning in 2022. Bombs, shelters, fear. Suddenly, everything I had built in Ukraine felt fragile. We had to find a way to survive. The first few weeks were chaotic. Food was scarce as people hoarded whatever they could get their hands on. Martial law was declared. The Russian troops came dangerously close to the gates of Kyiv. But the resistance was fierce. Ordinary people joined the army. Volunteers set up shelters and organised supplies. Patriotism was evident in every sphere of life. Citizens supported the army in any way they could, giving them clothes, food, medicine and even helping them make Molotov cocktails.

Our Indian community, which consisted of maybe 15,000 before the war, suddenly became smaller. The student population left. Families went back. The rest of us helped each other, and stood by the embassy as it evacuated Indian students. It was a massive task as there were no buses. Only trains were operational but options were limited. My family in India was terrified, and called us regularly. We arranged food and shelter and guided students over the phone. Sometimes we met them in person in Kyiv before sending them to the borders. Many students got transfers to colleges in neighbouring countries. They were stressed as they were living in cities near the border. Those weeks were some of the hardest of my life.

By March, the attacks had intensified. My family decided to move to western Ukraine to the city of Lviv, near the Polish border. Normally the drive takes six to seven hours. This time, it took three days. We had to cross numerous military-controlled checkpoints, take diversions, contend with fuel scarcity and brave the cold weather. But along the way, ordinary Ukrainian citizens showed extraordinary kindness. Families threw their doors open to us. They served us soup and cooked potatoes, and we often got a warm place to sleep. In Vinnytsia, a family hosted us overnight and shared their meal, though they had little to spare.

We stayed in Lviv for three months. It was my friend Sergei who had arranged a flat for us there. Later, when things in Kyiv stabilised a bit, we returned home.

### Raids and countdowns

War changes everything. Air raid sirens alert us to incoming missiles and drones. It is true that we have grown used to the loud sounds of the sirens. We even have a mobile app that tells us when something is launched from across the border. It estimates the amount of time we have to take shelter. Imagine living under a silent countdown.

Electricity became scarce when power stations were bombed. In winter, we had electricity for just six to eight hours a day. Work and daily life became difficult. Meetings with friends grew rare. Travel was nearly impossible because airports were closed. To travel abroad, we drive across the border to Poland and take a flight from there.

In the middle of all this, we continue our work. Through IPMA, we have donated supplies worth about USD 10 million to hospitals and soldiers. Donations are in the form of essential medicines and financial aid through the President's agency. From 2022 to 2024, we have donated around USD 16 million worth of medicines, USD 26,000 as financial aid to the President's Fund and to rebuild the destroyed children's hospital in Kyiv. Rehabilitation includes counselling and holistic psychological aid to children of the fallen soldiers. That is the least we can do.

I know friends and neighbours who have lost their loved ones to war. They are devastated but proud of their sons.

Of course, life in Kyiv is more than just war and work. In between the raids and the volunteering, we sometimes enjoy moments of normalcy. When I crave traditional Kerala food, Natalia drops into a small Pakistani shop nearby to buy lentils and vegetables. Dosas are a regular feature on our dining table. Sometimes, we buy ingredients from Poland. We celebrate the little things, but the festivals are quieter now. I am a Liverpool fan and never miss a match. Sometimes, just watching football reminds me that life can be normal. I also enjoy movies — Hollywood mostly but I don't mind a good Malayalam or Tamil movie when I get the time. When people ask me what I miss most about Kerala, I always say the festivals, the temple sounds, the monsoon rains and the boat rides amid the coconut palms.

### Looking ahead

Sometimes I ask myself why I have stayed in Ukraine all these years — 45 to be precise. The answer is simple: family, work and a sense of belonging. My wife, my friends, my community, my responsibilities are all here. This is my second homeland. It will survive the war and I want to see Ukraine being rebuilt. I want to see it prospering and finding justice. India gave me my roots, Ukraine gave me my wings. I can abandon neither.

War has tested us but it has also shown the strength of ordinary Ukrainians. And for me, it has shown how a boy carrying Kerala in his heart can also stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine. Back home in Ernakulam, I have painted the gates of my house yellow and blue, the colours of Ukraine.

Dr Menon with his wife Natalia outside the gate of their home in Kerala.

Even during a war, life has its moments. I still sit with friends and argue which is better — dosa or borscht. I still cheer when Liverpool scores. I still tease Natalia when she mispronounces Malayalam words. The future of Ukraine is uncertain, but my hope is clear. A country must have the right to choose its path. No one should take that away and no one can. I believe justice will come, maybe slowly, maybe with more fighting, but it surely will. And when that day arrives, I will once again sit at a café in Kyiv, sipping coffee and chatting with my friends.

*(As told to Pushkar V.)*

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Dr Menon with his family and friends in Ukraine.

The streets of Kyiv after war broke out.

MUSICANA

# A group that gives Naga folk songs a contemporary twist

**The Tetseo Sisters, in Bengaluru for a performance, recently released their second full-length album, writes Caitlin Lester**

In a world where young Nagas are "disconnected from their culture and their mother tongue", the Tetseo Sisters are singing to preserve their heritage and inject it with contemporary energy.

The four sisters, Mercy, Azi, Kuku, and Lulu, later joined by their brother Mhaseve, have been performing li, the folk songs of the Chakhesang community, since they were children. Last weekend, they performed in Bengaluru as part of the Azaadi Music Festival organised by the Indian Music Experience Museum.

Li are rhythmic and melodic songs, featuring clear, high singing, and call and response.

"They sound like the voices and stories of the people in the hills," says Mercy.

"There is a li for every occasion," she says, explaining that if you hear someone singing in the distance, you'll know whether they're sowing rice or chopping wood.

The Tetseo Sisters are known for approaching li with a "full fusion" sound. Their experimental EP 'A Slice of Li' included a full band, electronic beats, and even cello. But Mercy describes the recent release of their second full-length album, 'Li Chapter 2: Life. Origins. Roots', as a musical homecoming.

All songs on Li Chapter 2 are in Chokri, performed either acapella or accompanied by the single-stringed tati. Seven are traditional li, while 10 are originals: li that have been updated and personalised.

"The form of the li allows for flexibility," explains Mercy, adding, "As long as the chorus stays the same, a li can be adapted: even a rice transplanting song can become a love song."

Mercy says the meeting of old songs with originals is cohesive. "The songs are all about life," she says. "Music has always talked about where we come from or where we are going."

The band has not totally moved away from the fusion sound, she says, but it "felt important to remind ourselves and our listeners of where we've come from."

Performing li was initially just for fun, Mercy says. "But then we realised no one else was doing it, and this heritage needs to be preserved and documented for the younger generation."

Although they have encountered some reservations from their elders about their musical innovations, the majority have lauded their efforts.

Mercy believes the fusion sound helps transmit the ancient traditions to modern listeners.

"Often people have to be able to connect with something before they can understand it," she says.

However, Mercy also feels there is "revival in the air" and it is the right time to release a traditional album.

"The younger generation are ready to embrace their roots," she says.

As an example, Azi's three-year-old daughter has just released her first single — a nursery rhyme in Chokri.

The Tetseo Sisters recently released their second full-length album.

It seems the Tetseo Sisters are succeeding in their goal of passing the torch of tradition to those following in their footsteps.

**The actor, just nominated for the Karnataka Ratna award, starred in 219 films, many of them blockbuster hits. K Puttaswamy remembers the powerhouse performer ahead of his 75th birth anniversary on September 18**

# The enduring legacy of Vishnuvardhan

In 1972, when the legendary director Puttanna Kanagal was casting for 'Naagarahaavu', hundreds of youths auditioned at a hotel in Bengaluru. After a few days, he saw a boy who felt like the perfect fit for the role of the rebellious Ramachari.

Ta Ra Subba Rao's novel, on which the film is based, portrays Ramachari as a complex character. He speaks his mind and fights for his convictions. He is rejected by his parents but is still compassionate, romantic, and devoted to his favourite teacher. It was a challenge for any actor to portray such diverse emotions on screen.

Once Puttanna had found his protagonist, he renamed him Vishnuvardhan, after the illustrious Hoysala ruler and patron of the arts. Had the actor been alive today, his 75th birthday, on September 18, would have been a mega event attended by millions.

Vishnuvardhan became an overnight sensation with Puttanna Kanagal's 'Naagarahaavu'.

### Married to Bharathi

Vishnuvardhan married Bharathi on February 27, 1975, when she was already a big star in multiple languages. The couple adopted two daughters, Keerthi and Chandana, building a strong family foundation. His friendship with fellow actor Ambareesh was legendary.

### Fan faves

Naagarahaavu (1972), Gandhada Gudi (1973), Bhootayyana Maga Ayyu (1974), Kalla Kulla (1975), Nagarahole (1976), Galate Samsara (1977), Hombisilu (1978), Sahasa Simha (1981), Bandhana (1984), Muthina Haara (1990), Kotigobba (2001), Apthamitra (2004)

### Awards and honours

Vishnuvardhan won seven state awards for best actor. The Karnataka government honoured him with the Rajyotsava award (1990) and the Dr Rajkumar lifetime achievement award (2007). Bangalore University conferred on him an honorary doctorate in 2005. The Dr Vishnuvardhan Award, instituted in 2011, honours long-serving film personalities. A 14.5-km road from Banashankari temple to Kengeri in Bengaluru is named after him; it is said to be the longest road in India named after an actor. A memorial has come up in Mysuru.

Born Sampath Kumar, Vishnuvardhan was destined for greatness. His father, H L Narayana Rao, was a journalist and scriptwriter, and his mother, Kamakshamma, nurtured a huge family. Growing up in an artistic household with six siblings, Sampath received his early education at Gopalaswamy School in Mysuru. He graduated from National College, Bengaluru, and actively participated in college theatre productions. Little did his peers know that he would soon leave an indelible mark on Indian cinema.

Vishnuvardhan made his acting debut in a supporting role, at 21, in the Girish Karnad-B V Karanth directorial 'Vamsha Vriksha' (1971), where he is credited as Kumar. The National Award-winning film showcased his raw talent and true potential. While his artistic roots were in parallel cinema, his destiny led him to become one of Kannada cinema's biggest mass heroes. His second film, 'Naagarahaavu', was a blockbuster hit, celebrating a silver jubilee run (25 weeks) at multiple centres and also earning him the state award for best actor.

Vishnuvardhan arrived in the '70s, the golden age of Kannada cinema. Film production was thriving and Rajkumar dominated, but there was a dearth of other actors who could draw audiences to the theatres. Rajesh was limited to family dramas, Gangadhar to heroine-centric films, and Srinath to romantic roles.

The decade saw both commercial and arthouse directors experimenting. Vishnuvardhan came at the right time and became an overnight sensation.

Vishnuvardhan and fellow actor Ambareesh were great friends. DH FILE PHOTO

### Highs and lows

After the release of 'Naagarahaavu', he was flooded with offers but his very next film, 'Seetheyalla Savithri', bombed at the box office. He bounced back with 'Gandhada Gudi' (1973) and 'Bhootayyana Maga Ayyu' (1974), both huge commercial hits. In the former he played Rajkumar's brother, his only association with the thespian, and in the latter, he played an angry young man to perfection.

Vishnuvardhan was seen in middling dramas like 'Professor Huchchu Raya' and 'Anna Attige' (1974) but 'Devara Gudi' (1974) propelled him to the limelight again. After 'Kalla Kulla' (1975), he was seen extensively in glamorous roles. In 1975, he acted in only three films. In 1977, 'Sose Tanda Sowbhagya' and 'Nagarahole' earned him success, but opportunities were still few and far between. Though 'Sahodarara Sawaal' (1977) was a hit, the credit went partly to Rajinikanth, his co-star. 'Hombisilu' (1978) showed him in a new light.

### Decade of hits

From 1972 to 1981, he acted in 68 films, many of them box office hits. He did a variety of roles, from comedy to action, and family dramas to thrillers. Among his hits were 'Galate Samsara', 'Kittu Puttu', 'Kiladi Jodi', 'Vasantha Lakshmi', 'Singapuradalli Raja Kulla', 'Makkala Sainya', 'Biligiriya Banadalli', 'Simha Jodi', 'Bangarada Jinke', 'Naga Kala Bhairava' and 'Guru Shishyaru'.

Vishnuvardhan plays a soldier, and Suhasini, a defence nurse in 'Muthina Haara', a poignant portrayal of a soldier's life.

### Superstardom

In 1982, 'Sahasa Simha', directed by Joe Simon, catapulted Vishnuvardhan to superstardom and earned him the title of Sahasa Simha (Lion of Action). This decade saw him expand his horizons with a Bollywood debut with Hema Malini — 'Ek Naya Itihas' (1984). His performance in 'Bandhana' (1984) as a dejected doctor won him critical acclaim and his third state award. Other notable films include 'Sri Raghavendrar' (1985, Tamil), 'Malaya Marutha' in which he played a classical singer, and commercial hits like 'Onde Guri', 'Nee Bareda Kadambari', and 'Deva'.

Vishnuvardhan's career in the 1990s demonstrated his versatility. He delivered a powerful performance in the National Award-winning film 'Muthina Haara' (1990) and played a double role in 'Lion Jagapathi Rao' (1991). He made a significant impact in Malayalam cinema with 'Kauravar' (1992) alongside Mammootty.

Throughout this decade, he continued to deliver commercial successes like 'Halunda Tavaru' (1994), while also appearing in arthouse films like 'Harakeya Kuri' (1992).

### Brilliant last years

The new millennium brought him unprecedented success. 'Yajamana' (2000) became the highest-grossing Kannada film of its time. A string of hits followed — 'Kotigobba', 'Simhadriya Simha', 'Jamindarru', and the horror thriller 'Apthamitra' (2004). In his final years, he played roles that matched his age — 'Ee Bandhana' (2007) and 'Maathaad Maathaadu Mallige' (2007). The last film released when he was still alive was 'Bellary Naga' (2009). It was followed by the posthumously released 'Aptharakshaka' (2010). They were both massive blockbusters.

In a career spanning 37 years, Vishnuvardhan acted in 205 Kannada, six Tamil, four Hindi, two Telugu and two Malayalam films. His computer generated images have been used in three Kannada films released after his death.

Vishnuvardhan's contribution to the evolution of Kannada cinema is immense. His ability to transition seamlessly between commercial entertainers and arthouse cinema, between action-packed roles and emotionally nuanced ones sets him apart.

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# 'It's hard to play a dark role when all others are grey'

**Neil Nitin Mukesh is back as a villain with his new film, 'Ek Chatur Naar'. Rajiv Vijayakar finds out what the actor seeks in a script**

Neil Nitin Mukesh has consistently exceeded expectations with every comeback, whether in a grey or white role.

His latest outing, 'Ek Chatur Naar', in which he essays a negative character, was released this week. I begin the interview by asking him why he chose to do the film, when the title role is played by a female actor, Divya Khosla. It's also Divya's home production. Doesn't he risk being sidelined?

The 'Johnny Gaddaar' star answers, "To be honest, the setup has never been of top importance (to me). The story is! Next, it is all about my character. If it is disposable, then it is not for me. But if my character is instrumental in taking the story forward, I'm in. Then, there's also my director!"

Umesh Shukla is the director of this film. And Neil calls Shukla the "manifestation" of the kind of director he had always hoped to collaborate with. Working with Shukla has been on his wish list since he watched his debut Hindi film, 'OMG — Oh My God!', 13 years ago.

Besides the story, role, and director, the film's producer also matters. "We actors work very hard on each film, so it's important that it gets released — and properly," he continues. 'Ek Chatur Naar' "ticked all the boxes" for him.

Neil says he can't label the film strictly as either a thriller or a dark comedy. "It's a great amalgamation of both!" he reveals, adding, "It's a cat-and-mouse saga. Or rather, I would call it the story of a nagin (female serpent) and a nevla (mongoose)!"

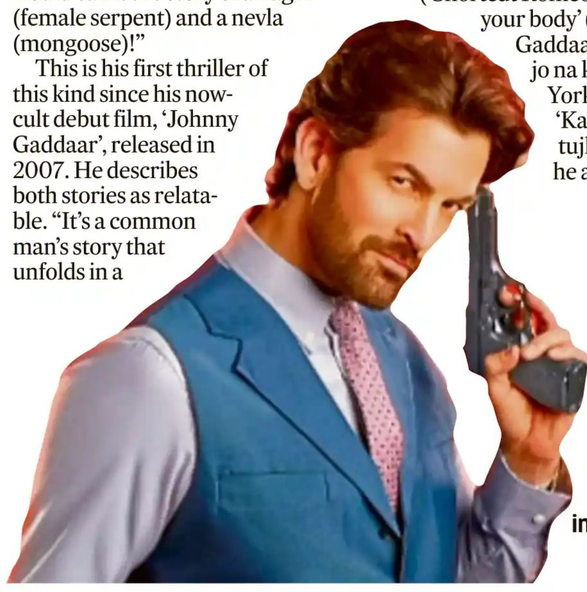
This is his first thriller of this kind since his now-cult debut film, 'Johnny Gaddaar', released in 2007. He describes both stories as relatable. "It's a common man's story that unfolds in a comic and satirical way, with a message for 'ambitious' youth who want to make money through shortcuts," he explains. Neil goes on to call the film a "breezy entertainer" and stresses that its humour is classy and situational — not the slipping-on-a-banana-peel kind.

Neil praises his co-star Divya's hard work in getting into the skin of a quintessentially attractive girl from Lucknow — she captured all the nuances required for the role. "Also, all the characters are grey, so it was tough to play a dark role," he says, adding, "As a villain, I have to be prepared to be sacrificed so the hero or heroine can shine. I must put my best foot forward."

### 'Tribute to musical legacy'

Neil hails from a musical lineage. His grandfather, Mukesh, remains an all-time playback titan, and his father, Nitin Mukesh, is another singing legend. But is Neil musically inclined? And isn't it ironic that in his 18-year career, he has never sung in any of his movies? Even his seven-year-old daughter, Nurvi, is already proving to be an exceptional singing talent.

"Well, it just happened that way!" he says with a smile. "But I'm working to correct that shortcoming. I am working on a single that will be a homage to my musical legacy. Music has always been close to my heart. I compose, and can play the piano too. I was fortunate to feature in the musical series 'Hai Junoon'. I have also been lucky to have some hit songs in my films like 'Khali salam dua' ('Shortcut Romeo'), 'Move your body' ('Johnny Gaddaar'), 'Tune jo na kaha' ('New York'), and 'Kaise bataoon tujhe' ('3G')," he adds.



Neil Nitin Mukesh in 'Ek Chatur Naar'.

## MOVIE REVIEWS

# Sitcom needs a little more chaos

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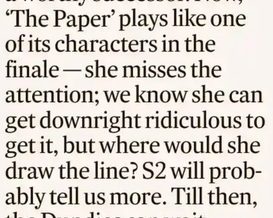

Domhnall Gleeson as Ned.

★★★☆☆

**The Paper**
English (JioHotstar)
Creators: Greg Daniels, Michael Koman
Cast: Domhnall Gleeson, Sabrina Impacciatore, Chelsea Frei, Melvin Gregg

It's difficult to watch 'The Paper' as a show independent of 'The Office'. This is the thing with the big spin-offs and spiritual sequels — they must stand alone but, in deference to the hallowed original (and to franchise economics), must also retain that spirit.

The new mockumentary comedy follows employees in the *Toledo Truth Teller*, a has-been Ohio newspaper, now reduced to wire report drag-pastes, a crew of amateurs and misfits, and a clickbait-run web edition (Sabrina Impacciatore is good as Esmeralda, who almost reaches 'Office'-standard comic-cringe).

It's early for a like-for-like, but some of the characters play like composites from the original. The people grow on you over 10 shortish episodes, and at its best, the show tries to channel an inherited quirkiness that makes 'The Office' what it is: an iconic workplace sitcom where the eccentricities and the innate meanness of its characters hit you as relatable, even likeable.

But what 'The Paper' lacks is nervous energy — that potent unpredictability of 'The Office'. Domhnall Gleeson is a fine actor. His Ned in 'The Paper' is a good man with honourable intentions: a new editor-in-chief who wants to turn the *Toledo Truth Teller* around. But Ned and some of his co-players are too one-note for us to engage enough. 'The Office' hit right because, over multiple seasons, we could make sense of its madness — it was also an acquired taste.

Sure, there is time, and the consistency with which the original peaked in its middle seasons makes you want to back this as a worthy successor. Now, 'The Paper' plays like one of its characters in the finale — she misses the attention; we know she can get downright ridiculous to get it, but where would she draw the line? S2 will probably tell us more. Till then, the Dundies can wait.

# Haunting and liberating inter-faith love story set in Mangaluru

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★★★★☆

**Green Girl**
Kannada (Theatres)
Director: Sarthak Hegde
Cast: Sucharita, Mayur Gowda

From 'Bombay' to 'Veer-Zaara' and 'Jodhaa Akbar', movies based on inter-faith love stories are not uncommon in India. But what sets Sarthak Hegde's 'Green Girl' apart is that it is both haunting and liberating.

Set in a polarised Mangaluru, the featurette follows the dreams and vulnerabilities of an inter-faith couple. Ameena (Sucharita) and Jeevan (Mayur Gowda) are in their 20s and deeply in love.

Sucharita and Mayur Gowda are the lead pair.

They retreat to a quiet hilltop for privacy, where Ameena smokes cigarettes and Jeevan dreams of moving to the US, a country he believes will embrace their love in ways their homeland can't. Besides this, Jeevan is part of a Hindu fundamentalist group.

In just 52 minutes, the director delves into the nuances of what it means to be a Hindu and a Muslim in today's India. Why would a Hindu boy who is in love with a Muslim girl be drawn to Hindu fundamentalism? The answers are heart-wrenching, revealing society's role in letting down their youth.

As 'Green Girl' unfolds, its events leave you shocked, helpless, and overwhelmed by a sense of hopelessness. Yet, strangely, the film also feels liberating in many ways.

Sarthak uses distinct, symbolic colours to make a bold commentary about the growing communal tensions across the country. Both Sucharita and Mayur deliver convincing performances.

Sarthak's film is bold and revolutionary. Kudos to KRG Studios for taking on the film's distribution. A must-watch!

# Hazy fable from Raam Reddy

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Manoj Bajpayee plays Dev.

★★☆☆☆

**Jugnuma**
Hinglish (Theatres)
Director: Raam Reddy
Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Tillotama Shome, Hiral Sadhu

Set in the late 1980s, the film follows Dev (Manoj Bajpayee), his wife, children, and extended household on an orchard estate in the Himalayas. Dev discovers burnt trees in his orchard. As fires spread mysteriously, both nature and human suspicion threaten not just his land and family, but also his sense of identity.

This is the second directorial of Raam Reddy, known for 'Thithi'. In 2024, it was adjudged Best Film at 38th Leeds International Film Festival, and received the Special Jury Award at the Mumbai Academy of Moving Images film festival.

In the film, the Himalayan hills aren't just a backdrop but a character. The landscapes, colonial mansion, orchard, and fires together create a mood that's beautiful yet ominous.

The movie explores conflict between nature and humans, heritage and individual identity, familial bonds and secrets, and external threats and inner reckoning. Dev's yearning to break free is central to the theme. The mystery of who is setting the fires, suspicion of outsiders, and corruption add tension.

Bajpayee gives a restrained yet intense performance. Hiral Sadhu, who plays his daughter Vanya, brings freshness. She's a real-life horse rider and has performed her own stunts in the film. Tillotama Shome as an acquaintance is impressive in her own way. Human relationships woven into the environmental and mystery elements are a strong point of the film.

Shot on analogue film (16 mm), the film looks timeless and delivers a rare sensorial experience, with careful attention to light, colour, and texture. It also walks the line between fantasy, mysticism, drama, and mystery. It makes you think about land, family, legacy, and what you protect.

However, in seeking magic realism or folkloric resonance, it becomes too dreamy and vague. The central premise — the fable and its link to the protagonist — feels flawed.

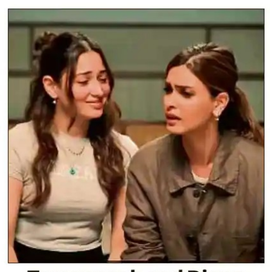
At times, the film shifts from subtle to confusing, making it unclear if this is deliberate. If you prefer clear storytelling, you may feel lost. Even those who enjoy open-ended films might find it vague.

# Fresh brew, but froth missing

RASHMI VASUDEVA

★★☆☆☆

**Do You Wanna Partner**
Hindi (Amazon Prime Video)
Directors: Collin D'Cunha, Archit Kumar
Cast: Tamannaah Bhatia, Diana Penty, Neeraj Kabi, Jaaved Jaaferi



Tamannaah and Diana play close friends.

This is a series that promises to be a fresh brew, the ingredients being two spunky women wanting to be craft beer entrepreneurs, their struggles, their friendships and all that uncorked ambition. On paper, heady. But on screen, the fizz is pretty uneven.

Tamannaah Bhatia (Shikha) and Diana Penty (Anahita) give it their all. Their chemistry is quite spot-on, and at certain times, you do want to root for them, their bonding. But the script rarely keeps up. Every time the narrative builds up steam, be it about patriarchy, power equations or sexism at work, it retreats and flattens out like yesterday's beer.

The Dharmatic Universe does not give up its deathly grip on slick and shine. Nope. These two are out of work and bootstrapped. But their workspaces have a Gen Z gleam, and their make-up, hair and outfits do not suffer the ignominies of 24/7 jugaad. Where's the mess before the launch? The craziness? The frustration? Admittedly, it looks good, but so polished that you never get to taste the gritty flavour of realism ever.

The supporting cast has its moments. Nakuul Mehta, as the brewmaster, is competent, Jaaved Jaaferi can still elicit a few laughs, and Neeraj Kabi plays the frothy villain with much relish. That said, there are not many Indian series that are centred on two women intent on the hustle, and this one aims to be funny as well. Cheers to that. However, the story and screenplay are both under-brewed, the execution tepid. What this beer needed was really bolder crafting.

IN BRIEF

## State-ranking TT from Sept 25

▸ Jayanagar Table Tennis Association will conduct a State-ranking TT Tournament from September 25-28 at BMS College of Engineering in Basavanagudi, reports DHNS.

The event will held for boys and girls (U-11, U-13, U-15, U-17 and U-19), men's and women's singles, NMS, NMD and teams. Last date for entries is September 20. For details call Chief Referee Sham on 8217796386 or submit online entries a karnatakatabletennis.web.app.

## India squad for SAFF U17

▸ The Indian U17 men's football team head coach Bibiano Fernandes on Friday named a 23-member squad for the SAFF U17 Championship in Sri Lanka, reports PTI from New Delhi.

Defending champions India are placed in Group B where they will face Maldives (Sept 16), Bhutan (Sept 19) and Pakistan (Sept 22).

**Squad: Goalkeepers:** Manashjyoti Baruah, Maroof Shafi, Rajrup Sarkar; **Defenders:** Houlungou Mate, Indra Rana Magar, Konthoujam Korou Meitei, Md Aimaan Bin, R Lawmsangzuala, Shubham Poonia, Thanggoumang Touthang, Yumnam Madino Singh; **Midfielders:** Abrar Ali Baba, Dallalmuon Gangte, Thokchom Diamond Singh, Wangkhem Denny Singh, Yengkhom Nitishkumar Meitei; **Forwards:** Aazim Parveez Najar, Azlaan Shah Kh, Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam, Hrishikesh Charan Manavathi, Kamgouhao Doungel, Lesvin Rebelo, Rahan Ahmed.

## Never Give In for Stewards Cup

**CHENNAI SELECTIONS**

Arjun Mangalorkar-trained Never Give In is fancied to win the Stewards Cup, the feature event of the Chennai races to be run over a sprint on Saturday. The first race starts at 2 pm.

**1. Midnight Cowboy Handicap - 1100M:** One Way Ticket 1; Star Aristocracy 2; Black Floral 3.
**2. Commanche Handicap - 1400M:** Clean Slate 1; Aviothic 2; Our Asset 3.
**3. Krachi Plate - 1200M:** Black Diamond 1; Albanny 2; Elsa 3.
**4. Stewards Cup - 1200M:** Never Give In 1; Glorious King 2; Crown Drive 3.
**5. Topmost Handicap - 1600M:** Legacy 1; Blue Picasso 2; Carolina Springs 3.
**6. Prince Royal Handicap - 1400M:** Rompiong Home 1; Disciple 2; Queen Anula 3.
**Day's best:** Romping Home.
**Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Treble:** 4, 5 & 6.

## Jade for main event

**PUNE SELECTIONS**

Impressive winner in her last essay, Jade, from the stables of Pesi Shroff and to be ridden by G Vivek, will garner the maximum support in the Supreme Pune City Gold Cup, the feature event of the Pune races over 1600M on Saturday. The first race starts at 1:10 pm.

**1. Colombiana Plate - 2000M:** Daianne 1; Looling Like A Wow 2; Leo The Lion 3.
**2. Conrad Hotesl Trophy (Div II) - 1000M:** Abhicandra 1; House Of Lords 2; Zephyr 3.
**3. Uttam Singh Trophy - 1800M:** Arrived 1; Manasa Musa 2.
**4. Aakriti Art Gallery Trophy - 1400M:** Celestial 1; Ataash 2; Ardakan 3.
**5. Supreme Pune City Gold Cup - 1600M:** Jade 1; Siege Courageous 2.
**6. Fourth Estate Trophy - 2000M:** Golden Dancer 1; Solidarity 2; Mighty Hero 3.
**7. Conrad Hotels Trophy (Div I) - 1000M:** Azure 1; Storm Cloud 2; Scaramouche 3.
**8. La Rondine Plate - 1400M:** Substantial 1; Come September 2; Wind Dancer 3.
**Day's best:** Arrived.
**Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **I treble:** 5, 6 & 7. **II treble:** 6, 7 & 8.

## ◆ ON TV ◆

**CRICKET**
**Asia Cup:** Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka **(8 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 1**.

**ATHLETICS**
**World Championships:** Day 1 **(4:30 am)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

**FOOTBALL**
**EPL:** Arsenal vs Nottingham Forest **(5 pm)**, Bournemouth vs Brighton, Newcastle vs Wolves, Everton vs Aston Villa, Crystal Palace vs Sunderland, Fulham vs Leeds United **(all 7:30 pm)**, West Ham vs Tottenham **(10 pm)**, Brentford vs Chelsea **(12:30 am, Sunday)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

**HOCKEY**
**Women's Asia Cup:** Malaysia vs Chinese Taipei **(9:45 am)**; Singapore vs Thailand **(12 pm)**; Japan vs India **(2:15 pm)**; India vs Korea **(4:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

**BADMINTON**
**Hong Kong Open:** Semifinals **(8:30 am)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

**TENNIS**
**Davis Cup World Group I:** India vs Switzerland **(day 2, 4:30 pm)**. **LIVE** on **DD Sports.**

**KABADDI**
**PKL:** UP Yoddhas vs Jaipur Pink Panthers **(8 pm)**, Puneri Paltan vs Telugu Titans **(9 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

**CRICKET** DULEEP TROPHY FINAL

# Patidar, Rathod trouble South

## Central batters slam a ton each to extend visitors' lead

**VIGNESH BHARADWAJ**
BENGALURU, DHNS

India's domestic cricket scene is built on toiling hard, weathering challenging spells and stacking up runs. Rajat Patidar and Yash Rathod gave a glimpse of the recurring theme, piling misery on a tired-looking South Zone attack at BCCI's Centre of Excellence surface, which appeared to have eased out on the second day of the Duleep Trophy final here in Bengaluru.

After Central's small but significant batting step on the first day, where they made 50/0, Central continued to take solid strides as they finished 384/5 in 104 overs at stumps.

Danish Malewar sowed the seeds, helping them inch closer to the South total. Patidar, then watered them with trademark elegance while Rathod's grit provided the sunshine as Central's yield (read as lead) over South stretched to 235 runs. Rathod (137 not out) and Saransh Jain (47 not out) were still going strong.

On a warm, sunny day and in conditions devoid of any encouragement for the bowlers, South were put to the test in the first session. The seamers, especially Vasuki Koushik and Gurjapneet Singh, came up with right answers when they picked up three wickets in the first half of the first session, giving their side some much-needed momentum.

Speed does thrill but there also lies beauty in a ball that pitches on the seam, nips back and takes the stumps to cartwheel with it. It was a chef's-kiss beauty that got rid of Akshay Wadkar for 22 and there would not be marks for guessing the bowler's name as Koushik handed South their first wicket in his second over of the day.

The former Karnataka pacer, who recently made the move to Goa, was well supported by Gurjapneet. The Tamil Nadu seamer went close to picking wickets on a few occasions, extracting decent bounce off the surface. He was eventually rewarded when Shubham Sharma inside-edged a ball, which was angled from around the wicket, while attempting to drive.

The 26-year-old struck again when a dip in concentration saw Malewar edge one to first slip. After the first session, SZ bowled with neither energy nor urgency and it was all one-way traffic.

With drives and sweeps flowing freely, Patidar stamped his authority as the hosts could not hit the preferred line and lengths. However, he did make a mistake but was given a lifeline when he was trapped by Ankit Sharma on 44 off a no-ball.

Anything overpitched was driven with confidence by the Central skipper. He was also late-cutting with ease as he reached his 15th first-class hundred with a quick single to mid-off.

However, it was an anti-climactic end to a show, that was rich in aesthetics, when he was strangled down the leg and gloved it to the keeper.

After Patidar's dismissal, Upendra Yadav (5) tickled one down the leg, which Azharuddeen happily accepted.

On the other hand, Rathod overcame his early blues with edges flying past slip and gully, only for him to complete his seventh first-class hundred, ending unbeaten on 137, with 11 fours and a six.

To rub salt into the South wounds, skipper Azharuddeen was also given a warning for a slow over-rate.

South's day of toil, where runs were plenty and wickets scarce, ended with 108 runs coming in the final session.

Yash Rathod (left) and skipper Rajat Patidar struck 137 n.o. and 101 respectively as Central Zone tightened the noose around South Zone on the second day of their Duleep Trophy final at the BCCI's CoE in Bengaluru on Friday. DH PHOTO/ PRASHANTH HG

**SCOREBOARD**

**SOUTH ZONE (I Innings):** 149 all out
**CENTRAL ZONE (I Innings):** Danish Malewar c Bhui b Gurjapneet 53 (120b, 5x4), Akshay Wadkar b Koushik 22 (60b, 3x4), Shubham Sharma b Gurjapneet 6 (18b, 1x4), Rajat Patidar c Azharuddeen b Gurjapneet 101 (115b, 12x4, 1x6), Yash Rathod (batting) 137 (188b, 11x4, 1x6), Upendra Yadav c Azharuddeen b Nidheesh 5 (10b), Saransh Jain (batting) 47 (119b, 6x4). Extras: (LB-7, NB-6) 13. **TOTAL (for 5 wkts, 104 overs) 384.**
**Fall of wickets:** 1-55 (Wadkar), 2-74 (Shubham), 3-93 (Malewar), 4-260 (Patidar), 5-266 (Upendra).
**Bowling:** Gurjapneet 16-2-74-3, Ankit 32-2-137-0, Nidheesh 15-2-38-1, Koushik 22-5-55-1, Bhui 19-1-73-0.

# Sprint heats in early spotlight

## Olympic champions Lyles, Alfred target world title

TOKYO, AFP

Olympic champions Noah Lyles and Julien Alfred will take to the track in Tokyo on Saturday for heats of the 100m.

Lyles will come under pressure from a top Jamaican duo seeking to break US dominance in the blue riband event.

Alfred, meanwhile, will look to bag another global title for St Lucia, her Olympic gold the first for the tiny Caribbean island.

There is no doubt that Lyles and Alfred have touched down in the Japanese capital with targets on their backs.

Although Lyles had a delayed start to the season, both have tasted success on the Diamond League circuit.

Lyles outran Botswana's Olympic 200m champion Letsile Tebogo in that event in the Diamond League finals in Zurich last month.

It was a result the American said had left him "with a lot of energy" heading to Tokyo.

Alfred also notched up a morale-boosting win over 100m in Zurich and was in no doubt about expectations in Japan.

"I feel like I want to add another gold in my collection," Alfred said. "I am much fitter than before and also mentally, I am in the right place."

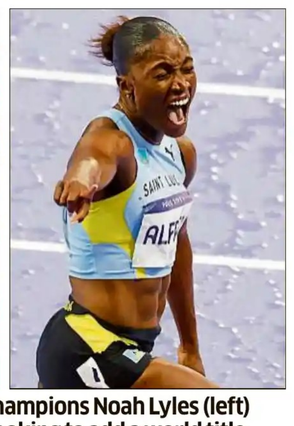
Kishane Thompson, who won Olympic 100m silver just five-thousandths of a second behind Lyles in Paris, could be the biggest threat to the American.

Thompson went sixth in the all-time list after running a world-leading 9.75 seconds this season. Fellow Jamaican Oblique Seville has also notched up two victories over Lyles in the Diamond League.

Alfred will be targeted by a raft of sprinters from the US and Jamaican squads, not least American Melissa Jefferson-Wooden.

Jefferson-Wooden, 24, became the first woman since 2003 to win the 100-200m double at the US trials.

**LIVE 4:20 AM, STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR**



Reigning 100m Olympic champions Noah Lyles (left) and Julien Alfred will be looking to add a world title to their kitty when the World Championships kicks off on Saturday in Tokyo. AFP

# Suresh, Nagal take India on the cusp of a rare win vs Swiss

BIEL (SWITZERLAND), PTI

Pulled out of reserves, Dhakshineswar Suresh stunned higher-ranked Jerome Kym of Switzerland in straight sets before Sumit Nagal made a triumphant return to the Davis Cup, placing India on the cusp of a rare win against a European side in an away tie, here Friday.

Captain Rohit Rajpal showed immense faith in Dhakshineswar, playing him ahead of Aryan Shah, and the tall Chennai player did not disappoint, coming out a 7-6 (4) 6-3 winner against 155th ranked Kym.

Dhakshineswar is placed 626 on the ATP charts but his stupendous game and confidence belied his low ranking. He charged the net a lot more after measuring the game of his opponent who seemed to be lacking a plan B.

Nagal, who is now struggling to stay inside top-300 after being in top-100 last year, made a winning return to the Davis Cup with a 6-3 7-6 (4) result against Marc-Andrea Huesler that gave India a commanding 2-0 lead at the end of day one.

India are now very close to pulling off a memorable Davis Cup win on the European soil as they need to win one of the three matches on Saturday.

The team of N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli will clash with Jakub Paul and Dominic Stricker before the reverse singles are played.

The last time India beat a European side in an away tie was back in 1993 in Cannes when Leander Paes and Ramesh Krishnan led the team to a 3-2 win over France in the quarters.

Kym's was not an explosive serve like his Indian counterpart but he kept hitting the right spots to stay ahead.

Dhakshineswar began to charge the net more to earn points and that made a huge difference to how the match shaped up.

There was no break of serve and the opening set was decided via tie-breaker. Dhakshineswar opened up a 5-3 lead when he blasted a forehand in the corner and Kym could not return.

In the longest rally of the match, Kym's forehand landed on the net giving two set points to Dhakshineswar. The Indian squandered the first with an inside-out forehand that kissed the net but converted the second with a backhand lob.

India's Dhakshineswar Suresh stunned higher-ranked Jerome Kym of Switzerland in the opening rubber of their Davis Cup World Group I round in Biel on Friday. AP

## Bhavesh stays in contention for place in final

**NINGBO (CHINA), PTI:** India's Bhavesh Shekhawat produced a strong performance on competition day four of the ISSF World Cup for rifle/pistol, finishing fourth in the first stage of the men's 25m rapid fire pistol qualification here on Friday.

Bhavesh thus remains in contention for a place in the finals, but, in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions, the Indian challenge fell short with none of the shooters making it to the final round.

In the RPF event, Bhavesh shot a composed 293-9x with series of 97, 99, and 97 to be placed third overnight.

Germany's Emanuel Mueller leads the field with 295-12x, followed by France's Clement Bessaguet with 294-11x. Among other Indians, Pradeep Singh Shekhawat is placed 24th with 288-8x (98, 95, 95), while Mandeep Singh is 43rd with 272-5x (93, 91, 88).

In the women's 50m rifle 3 positions final, World No. 1 Jeanette Hegg Duestad of Norway clinched her second gold of the competition with a score of 466.2, having earlier won in the 10m air rifle mixed team.

# Neeraj returns to Tokyo with higher stakes

**ADITYA K HALDER**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Here we go again! World Athletics Championships are upon us and all eyes are once again on India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who returns to his favourite playground Tokyo, where it all began four years ago.

While the Tokyo Olympics made him the king he is today, Neeraj ensured nobody would forget that as he takes the field as the defending champion, who finally conquered the much-talked about 90m-mark with his season and personal best of 90.23m.

However, Indian athletics has much more to discuss than javelin as the events are at least five days away while plenty of other Indians are in action. Some are also making a case of their own, including the two horizontal jumpers in the 19-member squad.

### Jumpers in fray

Of them, long jumper Murali Sreeshankar (SB: 8.13m) will fancy himself a shot at a medal as he comes to Tokyo on the back of three 8-plus jumps out of five events he competed this season. Two-time Olympic and defending World champion Miltiadis Tentoglou (8.46), however, has set the standard high once again with the only jumper to manage a 8.40-plus jump this year.

While Sreeshankar may like to remind everyone that he is capable of making the big jumps (8.41m in Bhubaneswar, 2023), the likes of Mattia Furlani (SB: 8.37), Tajay Gayle (8.34) and Simon Eahammer (8.34) will be eager to end the Greek monopoly.

With three 8 metre-plus jumps in the season so far, Murali Sreeshankar will look to impress at the World Championships.

The case of Praveen Chithravel looks no different from Sreeshankar as the the triple jumper comes to Tokyo on the back of his national record-equalling leap of 17.37m. As he takes on the likes of Andy Diaz (17.80) Ruiting Wu (17.68) and Pedro Pichardo (17.47), Praveen would want to ignore the fact that he hasn't made one 17-plus jump in the last four months.

For the rest of the Indian pack, this will be another Worlds where they will be running their own races, including debutant male sprinters Animesh Kujur (200m) and Tejas Shirse (110m hurdles).

Athletics Federation of India (AFI) have made it clear that they expect the elite and non-elite category athletes to do their personal best at least. Even if half of the squad manages to do that, it will be a new high for Indian athletics.

**In action today**: Men's & Women's 35km Race Walk Final (Ram Baboo, Sandeep Kumar and Priyanka Goswami) 4:30 am; Women's 1500m Heats (Pooja) 4:20 pm.

## Splendid Dream has a great day

**MYSURU RESULTS**

Second in demand Splendid Dream, from the stables of Suleiman Attaollahi and ridden by Shreyas Singh, won the FK Irani Memorial Million, the feature event of the Mysuru races on Friday.

**1. Paddock Plate - 1400M:** Rich Strike (Ayaz Khan) 1; Warrior Woman (Antony Raj) 2; Pette's Choice (Prabhu Kumar) 3; Seductive (Imran) 4; WB: 1/2, 2-1/2, 2-1/2L; T: 1:25.72; TB: Ashiwn Rao; Fav: Warrior Woman.
**2. Secunderabad Plate - 1100M:** Lead Singer (Prabhakaran) 1; NRI Gold (Faiz) 2; Golden Gallery (Vinod Shinde) 3; Clyde Star (Ankit Pal) 4; WB: 1-3/4, Lnk, 1-1/2L; T: 1:05.65; TB: Ashwin Rao; Fav: Raffles.
**3. Police Trophy - 1200M:** The Golden Sunrise (Abhishek Mhatre) 1; Flying Fury (Imran) 2; Court Jester (Faiz) 3; Creative Girl (Antony Raj) 4; WB: 4-1/2, Lnk, 3/4L; T: 1:10.43; TB: Ranjeet Shinde; Fav: The Golden Sunrise.
**4. FK Irani Memorial Million - 1200M:** Splendid Dream (Shreyas Singh) 1; Magnetar (Akshay Kumar) 2; Midnight Blue (Antony Raj) 3; Republican Star (Rayan Ahmed) 4; WB: 2-1/2, 8-1/4, 4L.; T: 1:10.06; TB: Suleiman Attaollahi. Fav: Magnetar.
**5. MW Chinappa Memorial Trophy - 1200M:** Knotty Blush (Sai Kumar) 1; Jersey King (Antony Raj) 2; Serrano (Hindu Singh) 3; Metzingre (Vivek) 4; WB: 3/4, Shd, 1-1/2L; T: 1:10.46; TB: Purushotham; Fav: Knotty Blush.
**6. Jog Falls Plate - 1600M:** Tolkien (Antony Raj) 1; Acantha (Sai Kumar) 2; Thrill Of Brazil (Dhanu Deora) 3; Supreme Success (Akshay Kumar) 4; WB: 8-1/2, 7-1/2, 1-1/2L; T: 1:35.72; TB: Darius Byramji; Fav: Tolkien.
**Bengaluru dividends**
**I race:** Rs 183w; 32, 10, 20p; Fc: Rs 536; Q: Rs 132; Shp: Rs 33; Thp: Rs 48; Tri: Rs 1,484 & 829; Ex: Rs 4,967 & 2,342.
**II race:** Rs 144w; Rs 35, 18, 16p; Fc: Rs 2,026; Q: Rs 801; Shp: Rs 61; Thp: Rs 35; Tri: Rs 10,028 & 8,596; Ex: Rs 53,350 (c/o).
**III race:** Rs 32w; 13, 22, 26p; Fc: Rs 395; Q: Rs 72; Shp: Rs 56; Thp: Rs 70; Tri: Rs 2,658 & 774; Ex: Rs 10,486 & 2,921.
**IV race:** Rs 32w; 13, 12p; Fc: Rs 57; Q: Rs 15; Shp: Rs 31; Thp: Rs 18; Tri: Rs 55 & 36. Ex: Rs 102 & 140.
**V race:** Rs 16w; 10, 11, 15p; Fc: Rs 24; Q: Rs 17; Shp: Rs 18; Thp: Rs 31; Tri: Rs 60 & 41; Ex: Rs 127 & 96.
**VI race:** Rs 17w; 12, 28, 14p; Fc: Rs 293; Q: Rs 243; Shp: Rs 104; Thp: Rs 26; Tri: Rs 1,226 & 292; Ex: Rs 1,713 & 503..
**Jackpot:** Rs 10,130 (31). **Runner-up:** Rs 2,492 (54). **I treble:** Rs 6,026 (c/o). **II treble:** Rs 143 (151).

# Lakshya ends Ayush's run, Satwik-Chirag in semifinals

HONG KONG, PTI

Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen and the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty sailed into the semifinals of their respective events at the Hong Kong Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Friday.

Sen got the better of compatriot Ayush 21-16, 17-21, 21-13 in a hard-fought men's singles quarterfinal contest that lasted one hour and six minutes.

Rising Indian shuttler Ayush had caused a major upset on Thursday, ousting 2023 World Championships silver medallist Kodai Naraoka of Japan in a hard-fought three-game contest.

Lakshya Sen

Sen will next face the winner of the other quarterfinal between third seed Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei and Alwi Farhan of Indonesia.

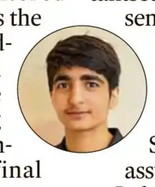
Earlier, continuing their fine run in the tournament, celebrated Indian men's doubles pair of Satwik and Chirag cruised into the semifinal, defeating their Malaysian opponents in three games.

Satwik and Chirag, who have been on a roll in the past few weeks, having clinched the BWF World Championships bronze medal recently, displayed superb co-ordination to overwhelm the fighting duo of Arif Junaidi and Roy King Yap 21-14, 20-22, 21-16 in a 64-minute contest of the USD 500,000 event.

The eighth-seeded Indian pair made a slow start, but once they found momentum at 12-all, they surged ahead with powerful smashes, conceding little to their opponents and clinching the last five points in a row.

# Minakshi assures India a fourth medal at World C'ships

**LIVERPOOL, PTI:** Minakshi Hooda **(in pic)** assured India of its fourth medal in the ongoing World Boxing Championships as she entered the semifinals even as the men's campaign ended without a podium finish for the first time in 12 years following Jadumani Singh Mandengbam's quarterfinal loss here on Friday.



Minakshi, competing in the non-Olympic 48kg category, outclassed U-19 world champion Alice Pumphrey of England by unanimous decision in the quarterfinal.

Preferring to box on the backfoot, she made optimum use of her long reach to dominate from the outset, landing straight shots at will while counter-attacking effectively.

She will face 2023 silver medallist Lutsaikhany Altantsetseg of Mongolia in the semifinals.

Minakshi joined Jaismine Lamboria (57kg), Pooja Rani (80kg) and Nupur Sheoran (+80kg) in assuring medals for India.

Jadumani Singh tested reigning world champion Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan to the hilt before bowing out with a 0-4 split verdict in a fast-paced men's 50kg quarterfinal.

With his exit, India's 10-member men's squad finished without a medal for the first time since 2013 edition.

## Bangladesh brace up for stern Sri Lanka test

**ABU DHABI, PTI:** Buoyed by a comfortable win over Hong Kong, Bangladesh will face a far sterner test when they take on six-time champions Sri Lanka in a Group B clash of the Asia Cup here on Friday, a contest that could go a long way in deciding the fate of the tough group.

Chasing an elusive Asia Cup title, Bangladesh's campaign got off to a steady start as skipper Litton Das struck a composed 59 in a seven-wicket win over Hong Kong on Wednesday.

While the margin of victory was convincing, the performance exposed a few areas of concern, particularly in bowling, with pacer Taskin Ahmed and leg-spinner Rishad Hossain going for runs despite picking wickets.

Against Sri Lanka, however, Bangladesh cannot afford the same lapses.

The Islanders, led by Charith Asalanka, have quietly built a formidable unit combining top-order solidity with middle-order power and a spin attack tailor-made for UAE conditions.

Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis and Kusal Perera provide stability at the top, while Asalanka, Dasun Shanaka and Kamindu Mendis add depth and finishing ability.

Sri Lanka have also recalled middle-order batter Janith Liyanage, handing him a T20I return after three years.

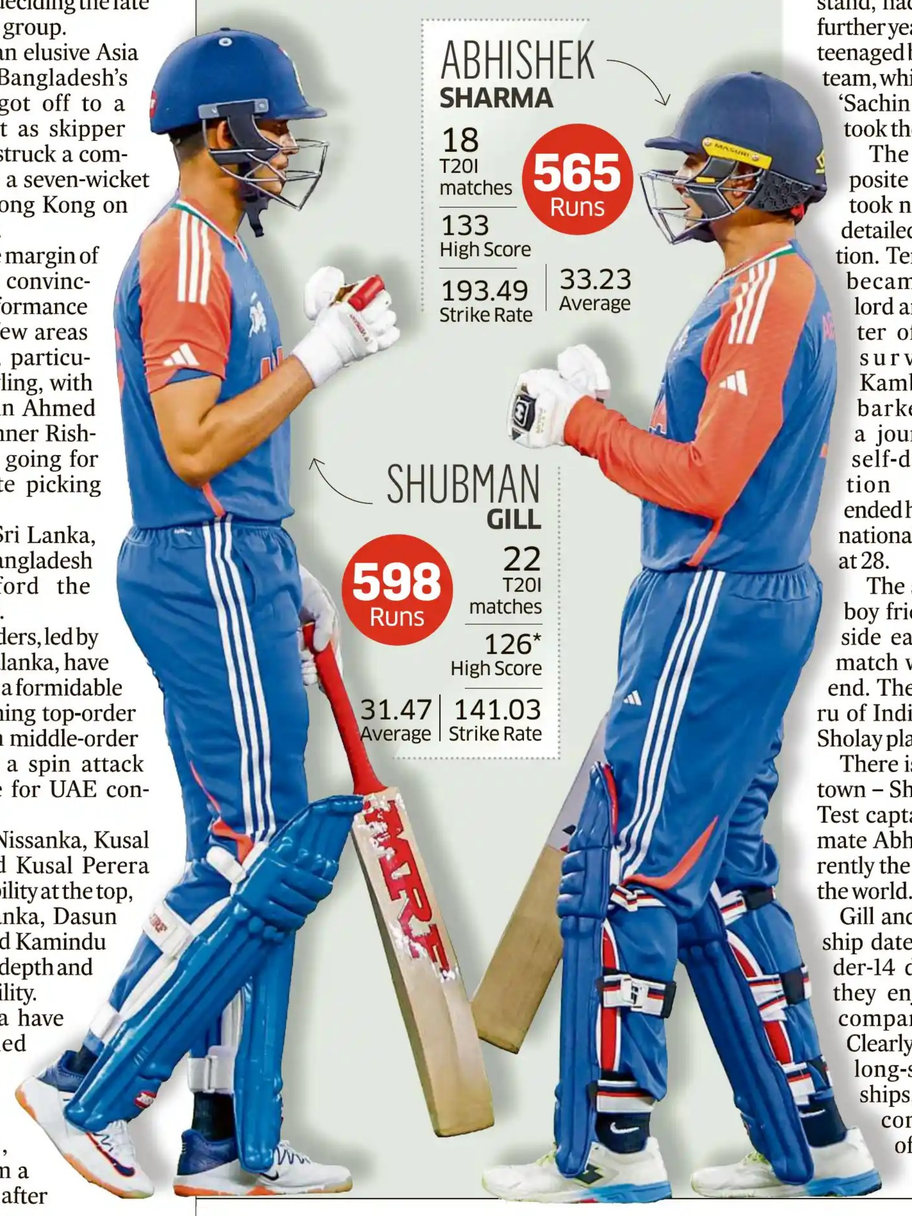
The 30-year-old adds depth to their seam-bowling all-rounder options alongside Shanaka and Chamika Karunaratne.

The squad is further boosted by the comeback of star spinner Wanindu Hasaranga. On slow UAE pitches, Sri Lanka's spin attack in Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana and Dunith Wellalage could prove effective, while slingy pacer Matheesha Pathirana offers variety with the ball.

CRICKET ASIA CUP

# GILL & ABHISHEK

## The new 'Jai-Viru' of Indian cricket




**R KAUSHIK**
**DUBAI**

Some 37 years ago, an impish baby-faced right-hander and a smart-alecky left-hander studiedly ignored the frantic exhortations of their furious school team coach, associating themselves in a 664-run alliance which, at the time, was the highest partnership in any form of cricket. Sachin Tendulkar, then 14, debuted for India a year and a half later; Vinod Kambli, the other half of that record stand, had to wait nearly two further years before joining his teenaged buddy in the national team, which led to his famous, 'Sachin took the elevator, I took the stairs' quote.

The diametrically opposite paths their careers took needs no detailed repetition. Tendulkar became the lord and master of all he surveyed, Kambli embarked on a journey of self-destruction which ended his international career at 28.

**With differing styles but obvious chemistry, the Punjabis complement each other**

The story of two schoolboy friends batting alongside each other in a Test match was the stuff of legend. They were the Jai-Veeru of Indian cricket, reel-life Sholay playing out in real life.

There is a new Jai-Veeru in town – Shubman Gill, India's Test captain, and his Punjab mate Abhishek Sharma, currently the No. 1 T20I batter in the world.

Gill and Abhishek's friendship dates back to their Under-14 days. As teenagers, they enjoyed each other's company, we are told. Clearly, they still do; like all long-standing relationships, there is effortless comfort and plenty of leg-pulling of the kind you'd expect from those in their mid-20s. The organic blossoming of their kinship means Abhishek can, without lapsing into the formality of seeking permission, use Gill's bat at nets when he feels his own willow isn't doing his bidding.

### First steps

The duo took its first steps towards extending the association of the junior days to the next level at the Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand in 2018, when Rahul Dravid was the coach. Gill's class immediately stood out. He finished with 372 runs in six matches, second only to West Indian Alick Athanaze's 418. Abhishek, batting lower down the order, had an unremarkable tournament – 78 runs from three visits to the crease, six wickets from 24.3 overs of left-arm spin – as Prithvi Shaw's boys went all the way.

Less than a year after the eight-wicket defeat of Australia in the final, Gill donned India colours for the first time, in an ODI in Hamilton in January 2019. Abhishek's maiden game for the country didn't come until July last year, coincidentally under his old pal who captained the nation for the first time on a Twenty20 International tour of Zimbabwe. Abhishek's opening partner on debut was Gill; the circle was nearing completion.

A clean striker who loves going aerial in the 'V', Abhishek is the raging fire to Gill's ice. In their international reunion at the top of the treegiri, they whetted the appetite with 48 exhilarating runs in the hammering of UAE on Wednesday, with the promise of more to come. Gill might have taken the elevator and Abhishek the stairs, ala Kambli, but hey, they both have gotten to the top, haven't they?

## Akram hails Bumrah as the No. 1 bowler in the world

**Pak great impressed with pacer's management**

**SIDNEY KIRAN**
BENGALURU, DHNS

Pakistan's fast bowling great Wasim Akram called the irrepressible Jasprit Bumrah the best fast bowler in the world now and completely backed the BCCI in taking extra special care of his workload as compared to others.

"The Indian bowling attack, they've showed time and time again, they are one of the best bowling attacks in the world and led by the number one bowler in the world right now, Jasprit Bumrah," said Akram in an interaction organised by Sony Sports Network, the host broadcaster of the ongoing Asia Cup in UAE.

"I'm actually quite happy to see the way they're managing his workload because it's impossible for any human being to play three formats all the time because he's a special bowler. He's the number one bowler. And if he needs a rest, you give him a rest. So he got criticism, I remember. The last Test match, he opted out in England. But again, you have good enough backup bowlers to win. And look at

Wasim Akram

(Mohammed) Siraj, the way he bowled. He bowled his heart out. He ran in, sprinted in every ball. So that's the attitude Indian bowling has."

While there's no doubt Bumrah is one of the most feared bowlers in the world, constant injuries in recent years have led to suggestions that the Gujarathi should consider giving up a format or two that could give his battered body more recovery time. When asked what would be his advice to Bumrah, Akram said it's purely the pacer's call and nobody has a say in it.

"I think it entirely depends on him. Right now, the way the think-tank is managing him, it's fine. You have good enough bowlers in the backup. Bumrah takes rest. Then you have people like Siraj, and you have 3-4 other fast bowlers who are very good. (Mohammed) Shami hasn't been fit yet. There are quite a few fast bowlers there in India. So, I think it entirely depends on him. We can't just decide for him and give him any suggestion or our opinion."

Pakistan, like India did a few years, have adopted an attacking philosophy in T20Is and even made the bold call to drop Babar Azam and Mohammed Rizwan who were still stuck in the old-school of batting mantra. Akram felt its the right decision, considering the way T20s have evolved.

"I don't want to discuss what his (Azam) future is. We have to support this Pakistan team, the squad they picked. It's a young side, young captain. It will take time. But one thing I like about this team is, I think last series, the tri-series, I think they hit about 40 plus sixes in the whole series. It's nine sixes per game."

Akram also hailed the Indian cricket system that keeps producing gifted players without a pause.

"I think for the last 5 years, the way Indian cricket team is playing, they are the best side in the world. They won in Australia (in 2018-19, 2020-21). They won (drew 2-2 actually) in England recently. They (current crop) are very confident. They are not over-confident."

**(Watch the live coverage Asia Cup India vs Pakistan on Sept 14, 8:00 PM onwards on Sony Sports Ten 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 channels).**

## Haris' fluent fifty gives Pakistan a winning start over Oman

DUBAI, PTI

Pakistan made a strong start by defeating Oman by 93 runs in their opening Asia Cup match here on Friday.

Chasing 161, Oman folded for 67 in 16.4 overs with Hammad Mirza top-scoring with 27.

Pakistan bowlers worked in tandem as Saim Ayub, Faheem Ashraf and Sufiyan Muqeem claimed two wickets apiece.

Earlier, Mohammad Haris struck a fluent half-century to guide Pakistan to for 160 for seven against Oman in a Group A match of the Asia Cup here on Friday.

Opting to bat, Pakistan got off to a shaky start when they lost Saim Ayub (0) in the second delivery of the match, caught in plumb in front of the wicket by Shah Faisal.

Ayub went for the review but it was ruled out by the third umpire.

Thereafter, Mohammed Haris (66 off 43 balls) and Sahibzada Farhan (29 off 29) steadied the ship with a 85-run partnership for the second wicket.

In the 10th over, Haris clobbered Sufyan Mehmood over deep mid-wicket for a six to bring up his fifty.

Mohammad Haris

While Haris' fifty ensured a solid start for Pakistan, Farhan struggled for timing at the other end.

Farhan didn't last long as he was caught and bowled by left-arm spinner Aamir Kaleem (3/31) in the 11th over.

Kaleem struck twin blows in the 13th over to pin Pakistan down. Kaleem first dismissed a dangerous-looking and set Haris, clean-bowled while the batter went for a reverse sweep only to get an inside edge on to the stumps, and then accounted for Pakistan skipper Salman Agha (0), caught by Hammad Mirza of a full toss.

Left-arm medium pacer Shah Faisal (3/34) then accounted for Hasan Nawaz (9), caught by Hassnain Shah at deep point as Pakistan slumped to 120 for 5 in 16.4 overs.

Then came in Mohammad Nawaz (19 off 10 balls) and he took the attack to the opposition, clobbering boundaries in the company of Fakhar Zaman (23 not out) to take Pakistan forward.

**Brief scores:** Pakistan: 160/7 in 20 overs (Sahibzada Farhan 29, Mohammad Haris 66; Shah Faisal 3-34, Aamir Kaleem 3-31) bt Oman: 67 all out in 16.4 overs (Hammad Mirza 27; Saim Ayub 2-8, Sufiyan Muqeem 2-7, Faheem Ashraf 2-6). **Result:** Pakistan won by 93 runs. **PoM:** Mohammad Haris.

## Nihal in joint lead after a quick draw

**SAMARKAND (UZBEKISTAN), PTI:** Grandmaster Nihal Sarin played out a quick and effortless draw with Matthias Bluebaum on Germany to share the lead with the German on six points after the end of the eighth round of FIDE Grand Swiss here.

Nihal Sarin

On the day when R Vaishali lost her sole lead after losing to Bibisara Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan in the women's section, the other defending champion Vidit Gujrathi also met his nemesis in Vincent Keymer of Germany.

Nihal opted for the Queen's gambit accepted with his black pieces and did not face any tough challenge from Bluebaum.

The German has played some exemplary chess in this event but in the eighth round he did not push hard enough. The game was drawn in a mere 21 moves.

## Mohsin, Ahlawat dazzle in wins

BENGALURU, DHNS

Off-spinners Mohsin Khan and Abhishek Ahlawat starred with the ball to power KSCA Colts and KSCA Secretary's XI to commanding wins respectively on the final day of the second round of the Dr (Capt) K Thimmappiah memorial tournament.

At the SJCE ground in Mysuru, it was Mohsin who left Andhra Pradesh in a wreck with a superb 6/73 effort. With just the final day left to achieve a result, KSCA Colts declared at the overnight score of 189/8 and the 21-year-old Mohsin, who made his Ranji Trophy debut last season and played a total of two games, showed yet again what a fine young talent he is.

Brought in as a third-change bowler, Mohsin kick-started Andhra's downfall after dismissing two-drop batter Ashwin Hebbar to reduce the visitors to 171/3. Going good until then, Andhra were left flummoxed by Mohsin's brilliance, collapsing to 275 all out in 73.4 overs as KSCA Colts galloped to a 141-run victory.

KSCA Colts' Mohsin Khan bagged 6/73 to star in his side's win over Andhra Pradesh at the SJCE ground in Mysuru.

At Alur 3 where the entire third day's play was called off due to a wet outfield, Ahlawat ensured it didn't affect KSCA Secretary's XI's bid for victory. The 27-year-old's 5/52 saw Assam, who had the dangerous Riyan Parag leading them, being bowled out for 212 in 86.1 overs.

That left KSCA Secretary's XI with a token chase of 37 runs but they made heavy weather of it, losing three wickets before crossing the line in 11 overs.

**Brief scores: At SJCE Mysuru:** KSCA Colts: 450 & (O/n: 189/8) 189/8 decl in 48.5 overs bt Andhra Pradesh: 223 & 275 all out in 73.4 overs (K Maheep Kumar 93, Revanth Reddy 25, Ashwin Hebbar 38, M Hemanth Reddy 41, Girinath Reddy P 43; Mohsin Khan 6-73) by 141 runs.
**At Alur 3:** KSCA Secretary's XI: 315 & 38/3 in 11 overs (Rahul Singh 2-6) bt Assam: 140 & (O/n: 54/2) 212 all out in 86.1 overs (Abhishek Thakuri 28, Sibsankar Roy 51, Denish Das 31, Riyan Parag 35; Dhruv P 2-57, Abhishek Ahlawat 5-52, Madhav P Bajaj 2-49) by 7 wkts.
**At BGS:** Vidarbha: 383 & 103/0 in 18.5 overs (Aman Mokhade 50 n.o., R Sanjay 51 n.o.) drew with KSCA President's XI (O/n: 191/7) 250 all out in 75.3 overs (Karthik SU 82, Sharath Srinivas 51, Adhoksh 50; Ganesh Bhosle 4-53, Lalit Yadav 3-46, Arya Durugkar 2-48).
**At SDNRW:** Himachal Pradesh: 515/8 decl & 16/0 drew with Baroda (O/n: 245/5): 440 all out in 119.3 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 110, Ninad Rathwa 56, Mitesh Patel 102, Mahesh Pithiya 46; Prince Thakur 3-159, Apporav Walia 3-70).
**At RSI:** Gujarat: 262 drew with Mumbai: 222/6 in 75 overs.
**At Alur 2:** Maharashtra: 136 & (O/n: 127/2) 388/6 in 125.3 overs (Yash Kshirsagar 169, Digvijay Patil 85, Mandar Bhandari 62, Mizaan Sayyed 31; Mohit Redkar 2-91, Abhinav Tejrana 2-5).
**At Alur 1:** Tripura: 314 drew with Chhattisgarh (O/n: 169/1) 337/5 decl 106 overs (Rishabh Tiwari 58, Anuj Tiwari 113, Ashutosh Singh 53, Amandeep Khare 44; Sandip Sarkar 3-80).

## 12 ISL clubs, except Odisha FC, to participate in Super Cup

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** All the Indian Super League clubs except for Odisha FC have agreed to take part in the season-opening Super Cup football tournament, starting next month, according to an official of the national federation.

The Super Cup, which normally happens at the end of the season, will be held at the start this time so as to give the clubs enough matches in the wake of a delayed ISL season. The ISL has been put on hold by the organisers FSDL but is likely to start in December.

"Except Odisha FC, all the other 12 clubs of the ISL have agreed to take part in the Super Cup. We have asked them again to confirm in another couple of days. After that we will finalise the tournament," an AIFF official told PTI on Friday on the condition of anonymity.

The 16-team tournament will also have at least three sides from the I-League. The number of I-League sides will increase if any ISL team pulls out.

## Daniyal's brace powers SUFC

BENGALURU, DHNS

Makakmayum Daniyal's brace, along with Mohammed Kaif's one-goal effort, gave South United FC a hard-fought 3-1 win over MFAR Students Union FC in the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Friday.

Daniyal got into the act soon after the opening whistle as he found the back of the net in the very first minute of the game. He made his outing memorable by scoring his second, and the team's third, two minutes into the second-half injury time (90th+2). In between Daniyal's two goals, Kaif had netted one in the 69th for South United FC to give the winners a 2-1 lead.

Makakmayum Daniyal (right) scored two goals for South United FC during their win over MFAR Students Union FC on Friday.
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**Results:** South United FC: 3 (Makakmayum Daniyal 1st, 90th+2 pen, Mohammed Kaif 69th) bt MFAR Students Union FC: 1 (Ameen Khazeer 53rd); Kodagu FC: 0 drew with Sporting Club Bengaluru: 0; HAL FC: 1 (Ather Irshad 20th pen) bt Bharat Bengaluru FC: 0.

## Kothari's fifer helps Bangalore City take innings honours

LOCAL CRICKET

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Kush Kothari's first-innings five-wicket haul helped Bangalore City enjoy the better of exchanges in their drawn match against Mangalore Zone in the KSCA inter-zonal (U-19) tournament here.

Kothari claimed 5/10 as Mangalore crashed to a modest 117 all out in their first innings. Bangalore, in reply, rode Nishchinth Parmashwar's 60 to post 224 all out despite Rennell Pais's six-wicket haul (6/24).

Trailing by 107 runs, Mangalore were 141/5 in their second hit when the players shook hands. Bangalore City earned three points for grabbing first-innings honours while Mangalore settled for one.

**Brief scores**: Mangalore Zone: 117 all out in 47.3 overs (Bhuvan Bhat 27; Khush Kothari 5-10, Arya J Gowda 2-22) and 141/5 in 41 overs (Gagan Rao S 59, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 42; Preetam CB 2-22) drew Bangalore City XI: 224 all out in 62 overs (Amogh R Shetty 35, Nishchinth Parmashwar 60; Rennell Pais 6-24, Raj Pande 2-30). **Bangalore City XI: 3 points; Mangalore Zone: 1 point.**
**At Kreeda Kshetra (B):** Vice President's XI: 199 all out in 60.1 overs (Rithvik H 39, Bhuvan Gowda N 32, Prajwal Gowda R 50; Shriram M Bhat 2-31, Swayam Raje Urs V 2-34, Vallabh Hegde 5-28) and 93 all out in 40.3 overs (Swayam Raje Urs V 2-19, Tharun Kumar KL 5-39, Dhyaan Hiremath 3-18) drew Mysore Zone: 81 all out in 40.2 overs (Varun Patel Lokesha 32; Vaibhav Sharma 3-11, Sai Kritin Yeddidi 3-9, Rathan B R 3-31) and 81/4 in 21 overs (Praneeth Shetty 40 n.o.; Rathan BR 2-18). **Vice President's XI: 3; Mysore: 1.**
**At Jagannath Cricket Academy:** Secretary's XI: 244 all out in 77.4 overs (Arnav Mishra 42, Rehan Mohammed 114; Pradyumna AN 3-40, Preetham Raj K 2-25, Ajith M C 2-28) vs Shivamogga Zone: 43/1 in 10 overs (Mourya MC 26). **Secretary's XI: 1; Shivamogga: 1.**
**At RWF:** Dharwad Zone: 323/9 in 90.0 overs (Raed 70, Siddesh A Asalkar 81, Manikanth Shivanand 51, Ashutosh D Hiremath 57; Vaibhav C 3-63, Susheel R Udupi 4-44, Vaasav Venkatesh 2-44) vs Bangalore Zone: 211/7 in 84 overs (Nabhas V 31, Vaasav Venkatesh 50, Srinivasa Karthikeya 30, Vaibhav C 40 n.o.; Sanket Shetty 3-35, Vinayak Pande 2-43). **Dharwad: 1; Bangalore: 1.**
**AT ISS Sports Arena:** Raichur Zone: 250 all out in 85.1 overs (Arpith Naganand 40, Aniketh Reddy 116, Mohd. Mohib Jamadar 27; Rohith AA 2-47, Prem Kumar T 2-17) vs Tumkur Zone: 117/3 in 44 overs (Naresh 30, Abhignan TR 27, K Akhil 30 n.o.; Shreyasagoud Patil 2-16). **Raichur: 1; Tumkur: 1.**
**At Green Sports Village:** Combined City XI: 185 all out in 48.4 overs (Aadharsh SJ 71, Krishav Somasundar 33 n.o.; Samyak Vellalore 2-32, Sunny Kanchi 4-56, Hardhik Chandra 2-30) drew President's XI: 184 all out in 63.2 overs (Sean Pratyush Cyril 75; Eesa Hakeem Puthige 3-35, Devansh Joshi 2-28, Sriee Praghajeeth R A 2-40). **Combined City XI: 3; President's XI: 1.**

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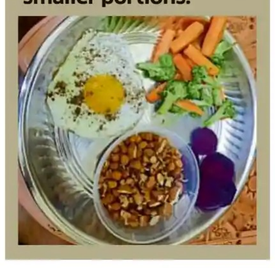
**Most foods, eaten in excess, will lead to weight gain. Therefore, portion size is as important as what you eat. Use smaller plates, measure the servings carefully and also ensure your diet comprises foods that keep you full for longer periods of time. This way you eat what is good and in smaller portions.**



GUNASHEELA AXON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

# Nurturing early brain development with compassion and science

Gunasheela Axon Child Development Center: Dedicated to early brain development, detection and intervention.

For over five decades, Gunasheela Hospital has been a trusted name in fertility care and high-risk pregnancies, helping countless families bring healthy babies into the world. As part of its 50th year milestone, the hospital has taken a groundbreaking step forward by launching the Gunasheela Axon Child Development Center - a one-of-its-kind facility dedicated to early brain development, detection and intervention.

"Our vision was to complete the circle of care - from supporting a child's development in the womb to nurturing their growth in the crucial early years after birth," says Dr Devika Gunasheela, Managing Director, Gunasheela Hospital. "This center is our commitment to giving every child the best possible start to life."

The first 1,000 days of life - from conception to age two - are the most critical for brain development. During this phase, a baby's brain develops at an astonishing pace, laying the foundation for cognitive, emotional and physical growth. Dr Prafulla Srinivas, Developmental Paediatrician at Gunasheela Axon, explains, "A newborn's brain is only 30 per cent developed at birth. By two years, it reaches 70 per cent and by six years, 90 per cent of brain development is completed. This is the window where neuroplasticity - the brain's ability to adapt and grow - is at its peak."

Recognising this vital window, the center focuses on prevention first. Through early stimulation of newborns, prenatal counselling, and developmental supportive care in the NICU, Gunasheela Axon helps lay a strong foundation before delays even occur. When developmental challenges do arise, early detection and intervention become crucial for improved outcomes.

The facility brings together a multidisciplinary team under one roof - paediatric physiotherapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, special educators and child psychologists - all led by a developmental paediatrician. This integrated approach ensures that every aspect of a child's development, from motor skills to speech and emotional well-being, is addressed holistically.

"Brain development happens in a sequence and needs a collaborative, structured approach," says Dr Prafulla. "A single therapy in isolation - like speech or physiotherapy alone - cannot achieve the same results as a team working together."

The center will cater to children with concerns such as speech and motor delays, autism, ADHD, learning difficulties, seizures, behavioural issues and genetic disorders, which affect nearly 15 per cent of children in India. Parents are guided closely throughout this journey - not just with therapy plans but with emotional support and education too.

"Parents often go through fear and grief when faced with developmental concerns," says Dr Prafulla. "Our goal is to hand-hold and empower them, turning anxiety into action so they can participate actively in their child's growth."

With advanced scientific research and compassionate care, Gunasheela Axon is redefining what it means to nurture young minds. This center is not just a medical facility - it's a safe space where families are supported, children are empowered and hope for a brighter future begins.

# Kidney Stones? Don't Panic

## Not Every Kidney Stone Needs Surgery. Stay Informed !

Rajesh (name withheld for confidentiality), a 38-year-old IT professional from Bengaluru, began experiencing intense flank pain radiating to his lower abdomen, accompanied by blood in his urine. Alarmed by the severity of his symptoms, Rajesh visited his local hospital. An ultrasound and CT scan revealed a kidney stone stuck in his ureter. Worried about invasive procedures, he asked his doctor, "Do I need surgery?"

Kidney stones are a common urological problem affecting nearly 10% of the global population at some point in their lives. Despite their painful nature, most stones do not require surgery. In fact, only about 10 to 20 percent of cases typically need surgical intervention, while the remainder pass naturally or respond well to medical treatment.

Small kidney stones, usually those measuring less than 5 mm, often pass through the urinary tract without much difficulty. With adequate hydration and pain control, these stones typically exit the body within days or weeks. Doctors may prescribe painkillers (NSAIDs) and medications, which help relax the ureter muscles, making it easier for stones to pass.

**Senior Urologist at Apollo Spectra Hospital, Koramangala, Dr. Sreedhar Reddy**, explains, *"The pain that kidney stone inflicts will be very severe, but surgery is not the default solution. In most cases, proper medical management and lifestyle changes help patients pass stones naturally without the need for invasive procedures. However, surgery becomes necessary when the stone is too large to pass on its own, typically those over 10 mm, or when it leads to significant obstruction, persistent urinary tract infections, kidney function decline, or complications that cannot be managed conservatively. Early detection of stones through periodic health check-up helps avoid surgery."*

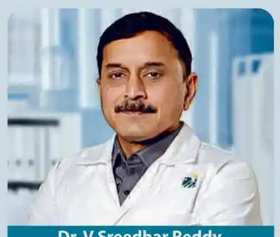
Modern medical advancements provide safe, minimally invasive procedures with quick recovery, minimal discomfort, and high success rates. The three most common types of surgery for kidney stones include:

**Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL):** This non-invasive treatment uses shock waves to break large stones into smaller fragments, allowing them to pass naturally. It is typically used for stones less than 2 cm in size located in the kidney or upper ureter.

**Ureteroscopy (URS):** A thin, flexible scope is inserted through the urethra and bladder into the ureter to directly visualize and remove or break up the stone. This is suitable for mid-sized stones and those lodged in the ureter.

**Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery (RIRS):** RIRS is a minimally invasive procedure used for kidney stones that are difficult to treat with conventional methods. A flexible ureteroscope is inserted through the urethra and bladder into the ureter and kidney, allowing the surgeon to directly visualize the stone. A laser is then used to break the stone into small fragments, which pass naturally through urine. RIRS is highly effective for moderate to large stones, hard-to-reach stones, or stones resistant to ESWL. The procedure usually requires a short hospital stay or can even be done as a day-care surgery.

Apollo Spectra Hospitals has pioneered short stay surgeries, offering patient-friendly kidney stone treatment with daycare admission. Patients undergo the procedure and are discharged within 5 to 7 hours, ensuring faster recovery and minimal disruption. The hospital is partnered with almost 1350 health insurance providers, providing easy access to cashless treatment.



Dr. V Sreedhar Reddy
Sr. Consultant Urologist
Apollo spectra Hospital, Koramangala

Currently, Apollo Spectra is running a Special Kidney Health Clinic for evaluation and treatment of kidney stones until 30th September. Patients can benefit from a 50% discount on consultation fees and a 25% discount on all investigations related to kidney stone management. This initiative promotes early care and better kidney health.

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## GET THAT IMMUNITY BOOST

Fruits such as apples and pears that are in season give you the immunity boost you need. A healthy does of ingredients such as garlic, turmeric, ginger and coriander leaves is a must as part of your daily cooking. It's also important to stay well-hydrated through this season even though you may not perspire profusely as in summer.

# Flavours from the HIMALAYAS

**Swatee Jog** offers a taste of the enchanting and wholesome Himachali cuisine

In love with the snow-capped mountains of Himachal Pradesh is a different kind of vibe that translates to love for more things Himachali. Known for its pristine beauty, residential schools, warm people and hearty food, Himachal Pradesh scores high on all points. Tucked away in these valleys is a culinary tradition which is just as enchanting - Himachali cuisine. Deeply rooted in local produce, festive customs and temple traditions, it is wholesome, flavourful and steeped in heritage.

And now, Bengaluru – a city that embraces and appreciates food from across the country – has warmly welcomed this unique cuisine. From the festive Dham thali to the winter delicacy Siddus, Himachali dishes are finding a growing fan-base among Bengalureans seeking authenticity. Several eateries in Bengaluru and also street side cafes are offering authentic Himachali food, adding to its allure.

### Soul of Himachali Cuisine

Unlike most other cuisines of the north, Himachali food is predominantly vegetarian, particularly in its celebratory form, though it does include several non-vegetarian dishes as well. At weddings, festivals and religious ceremonies, food is served on pattals (leaf plates) in a traditional multi-course feast called Dham.

The flavours lean towards mild spices, rich lentils, curd-based gravies and slow-cooked dishes that rely more on patience than elaborate techniques. Also, since the region has harsh winters without any greens and vegetables, it has come to reply on lentils and other substitutes heavily.

## Siddu – The Himalayan Stuffed Steamed Buns

**What you need:**

- Two cups of wheat flour
- One teaspoon of yeast (dissolved in warm water with sugar)
- Half teaspoon of salt
- Water, as needed

**For the filling:**

- Half a cup of walnut kernel, finely crushed (optional and can substituted with a tablespoon of poppy seeds)
- Quarter cup of urad dal (split black gram) soaked for a few hours and coarsely ground along with green chillies according to taste, an inch of minced ginger, one teaspoon of cumin seeds (jeera), one finely-chopped small onion, turmeric and coriander powder.
- Salt as needed

**Preparation:**

- Knead the wheat flour with yeast solution and water to form a soft dough. Cover and rest for 2-3 hours till it rises. Take oil in a pan and add the spices and onion. Then add the ground dal, add some water, cover and let it cook for 10 minutes till dry.
- Divide the dough into lemon-sized balls. Roll slightly, fill with mixture and shape into buns. Steam the siddus in a steamer or idli cooker for 10-12 minutes till fluffy.
- Serve hot with ghee and dal or simply enjoy with green chutney.

## Dham Platter

A traditional Dham (or Kangri Dham) includes several courses. Bengaluru's Himachali eateries are offering the whole Dham platter. Typically, a Dham platter includes:

### Rajma Madra

**Preparation:**
Cook soaked kidney beans till soft. Prepare a yogurt-based curry with cumin, bay leaf, cinnamon, turmeric and add boiled beans. Simmer till the gravy thickens.

### Boor ki Kadi

**Preparation:**
Make tiny gram flour boondis, fry till crisp. Add them into whisked curd-based kadhi flavoured with mustard seeds, curry leaves and hing.

### Chana Madra

**Preparation:**
Boil chickpeas. Cook in a curd gravy tempered with cloves, black cardamom, cinnamon and coriander powder.

### Meetha Bhaat (sweet rice)

**Preparation:**
Cook basmati rice with saffron, sugar, ghee, raisins and cashews. Garnish with almonds and cardamom.

### Bhey

**Preparation:**
Stir fry chopped lotus stems in oil, add ginger, garlic and onions and saute till the onions turn translucent. Add the spice powders, turmeric powder, red chilli powder and salt. Serve hot.

### To serve

Start with steamed rice - pour over the rajma and chana madra, serve kadhi and Bhey on the side, and end with meetha bhaat (sweet rice). Traditionally, food is eaten seated on the floor from leaf plates (pattals) – a ritual that adds charm to the meal.

## Teliye Maah (Black gram in mustard oil)

**What you need:**

- One cup of whole black urad dal (soaked overnight)
- Two tablespoons of mustard oil
- One tablespoon of ginger (grated)
- One teaspoon of garlic (crushed)
- Half a teaspoon of cumin seeds
- A pinch of hing, salt to taste

**Preparation:**
Pressure cook the soaked dal till soft. Heat mustard oil till smoking, reduce flame. Add hing, cumin, ginger and garlic. Add boiled dal, simmer till flavours blend.

Serve with hot rice or roti.

## It's a cultural experience...

In Bengaluru, Himachali cuisine is still a niche find, often limited to pop-ups, food festivals, and home chefs who recreate the magic of the hills through sit down dinners at their homes (check Instagram for such invites).

Some cafes host Himachali Dham thalis on festive occasions, while delivery kitchens offer dishes like madra and siddu on pre-order. A handful of restaurants in Bengaluru are now offering wholesome Himachali food as their core specialty.

For the city's adventurous food lovers, these flavours are not just meals but cultural experiences – transporting you to Himachal's misty valleys through its food.

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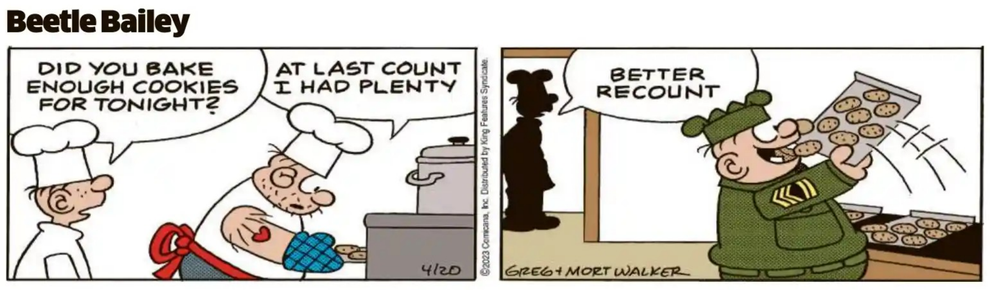
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answers: ABOUT ROUGH PLEDGE NUMBER

She was excited to use her new garden tool to weed and till the soil, and was — GUNG-"HOE"

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## HITORI-113

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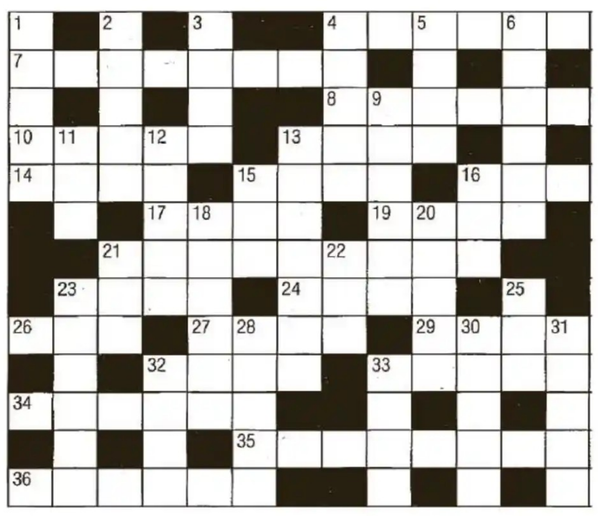
## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 114



**EASY**

**ACROSS**
4 Pantihose (6)
7 A few (3,2,3)
8 Bologna sausage (6)
10 Railway line (5)
13 Thick paper (4)
14 Brave man (4)
15 Flow out slowly (4)
16 Cooking vessel (3)
17 Find fault (4)
19 Broad smile (4)
21 Newlyweds' trip (9)
23 Hotness (4)
24 Bevel (4)
26 Play on words (3)
27 Principal (4)
29 Leave out (4)
32 Achievement (4)
33 First-rate (5)
34 Axioms (6)
35 Learned (8)
36 Hire charge (6)

**DOWN**
1 Opening (5)
2 Exclude (5)
3 Long journey (4)
4 Gemstone (5)
5 Precious metal (4)
6 Sinew (6)
9 American state (6)
11 Agent (3)
12 Bedtime drink (5)
13 Imitator (7)
15 Mineral (3)
16 Be victorious (3)
18 National song (6)
20 Helicopter blade (5)
21 Farmyard bird (3)
22 Insane (3)
23 Merciful (6)
25 Raised edge (3)
28 Artist's stand (5)
30 Merriment (5)
31 Cares for (5)
32 Clenched hand (4)
33 Step (4)

**CRYPTIC**

**ACROSS**
4 One hanging round a person's neck? (6)
7 Farm from deep blue water! (5,3)
8 Works hard, but only saves about a pound (6)
10 Bird with a wooden leg? (5)
13 Clothing changed for hill climbing, say? (4)
14 Open space one is unlikely to drive into! (4)
15 Spoils something heavenly (4)
16 The poilu's hair dressing? (3)
17 A side of meat? (4)
19 With a dunderhead, an officer is not friendly (4)
21 Where the team's directors keep the drinks? (9)
23 Italian showing some astonishment (4)
24 It's used for cooking in polar districts (4)
26 Infantile supporter? (3)
27 Can he look right into the future? (4)
29 Always cleverly heartened (4)
32 Thus, being warm hearted, rise high (4)
33 To be demure, sweetheart, is most important (5)
34 Figures in rugby matches (6)
35 Required to cause no surprise (8)
36 A fabric produced voluntarily (2,4)

**DOWN**
1 The fashionable sound? (5)
2 The Romans presumably figured they had such rights (5)
3 Superman's county? (4)
4 The light of modern development (5)
5 Overcook the fish? (4)
6 A blinking cover! (6)
9 Such a seaman as Carl could become (6)
11 Head in a whirl? (3)
12 Little Leonard holds it up, you'll admit (3,2)
13 He takeshis chances with a heartless mob in a large organisation (7)
15 She may be said to be a blossom (3)
16 Veteran, maybe, but still a bit soldierly (3)
18 Is done differently by an inventor (6)
20 Command to get over across the road (5)
21 Boy so motherless as a man! (3)
22 Something to pull on (3)
23 Gift of a story to the NationalTheatre (6)
25 It's hot for them at the border (3)
28 Frame for a new picture (5)
30 Taking the long view, VATis fiddled (5)
31 Prepared to learn a key part (5)
32 House to which a neighbour is singularly attached (4)
33 Look both ways (4)

**SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 114**

**CRYPTIC**
**ACROSS:** 4, Locket 7, White Sea 8, S-L-aves 10, still 13, Gear 14, Hole 15, Mars 16, Oil 17,Team 19, Cold 21, Sideboard 23,Toni 24, Lard 26, Fan 27, See-R 29, Ever 32, So-ar 33, Prim-e 34, Sevens 35, Expected 36, A-t will.
**DOWN:** 1, Swish 2, CIVIL 3, Kent 4, Laser 5, Char 6, Eyelid 9, Lascar 11,Top 12, Le-t-i-n 13, Ga-mb-ler 15, Mae 16, Old 18, Edison 20, O-Rd.-er 21, So-n 22, Oar 23,Tale-NT 25, H-em 28, Easel 30, Vista 31, Read-y 32, Semi 33, Peep (rev.).

**EASY**
**ACROSS:** 4 Tights, 7 One or two, 8 Polony, 10 Track, 13 Card, 14 Hero, 15 Ooze, 16 Wok, 17 Carp, 19 Grin, 21 Honeymoon, 23 Heat, 24 Cant, 26 Pun, 27 Head, 29 Omit, 32 Feat, 33 Prime, 34 Maxims, 35 Educated, 36 Rental.
**DOWN:** 1 Mouth, 2 Debar, 3 Trek, 4 Topaz, 5 Cold, 6 Tendon, 9 Oregon, 11 Rep, 12 Cocoa, 13 Copycat, 15 Ore, 16 Win, 18 Anthem, 20 Rotor, 21 Hen, 22 Mad, 23 Humane, 25 Rim, 28 Easel, 30 Mirth, 31 Tends, 32 Fist, 33 Pace.

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While you increase your fluid intake through the hectic festive season, ensure you don't go overboard with sugary drinks

SMART SIP

WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

## JAL JEERA ANYTIME

This drink is both spicy and a bit tangy. It is made from roasted cumin seeds and tamarind water. Jal Jeera is known to strengthen your digestion. It is a good choice through the festive season when you are bound to indulge in heavy meals and savouries.

## TRADITIONAL WITH NIMBU PANI

This is the best drink when you need hydration. After a hectic bout of festival shopping Nimbu Pani is just what you need to perk up and get your energy back. It helps you replenish your lost electrolytes. It contains Vitamin C and is a natural immunity booster.

Festive **Cheer**

### Festive sips

The festive season calls for sparkling conversations and delightful sips. Whether you prefer something traditional, fruity or with a modern twist, these drinks are perfect to serve at gatherings. Here are some beverages that bring both flavour and cheer this season.

### Rose sherbet sparkler

A nostalgic traditional favourite, rose sherbet gets a modern update with a splash of soda and fresh mint. Serve it chilled with ice and a squeeze of lime for a floral, refreshing drink that pairs beautifully with festive sweets. It's a crowd-pleaser, especially those who prefer non-alcoholic options during celebrations.

### CLASSIC MASALA CHAI

Nothing spells warmth like a cup of spiced masala chai. Brewed with cardamom, cloves, ginger and cinnamon, this comforting drink is perfect for early-morning rituals or evening get-togethers. Add a dash of saffron or nutmeg for a festive twist and serve in small clay cups for a nostalgic, traditional touch.

### SAFFRON THANDAI

This rich, creamy drink combines milk, almonds and aromatic saffron threads. Traditionally prepared during Holi, thandai also makes a luxurious festive beverage. Garnish with crushed pistachios and rose petals for visual appeal. Its blend of nuts and spices adds taste and health benefits to your celebrations.

Designer: Neelu's Indian Tulip
Model: Rhea Subbaiah
Event: The Luxo Show - Kanpur Edition

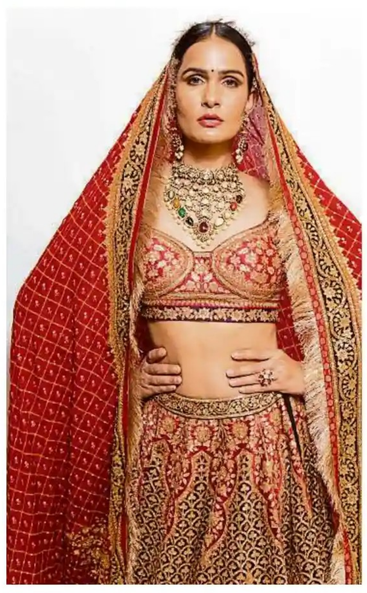
# Dasara jewellery inspired by art

This Dasara, let your adornments do more than sparkle. Let them be a tribute to India's magnificent artistic legacy, says **Prasad Bidapa**

Fashion **Notes**

As Dasara approaches, there's a renewed yearning for tradition, a collective desire to reconnect with the richness of our cultural roots. This festive season, jewellery becomes more than just an accessory - it transforms into a storyteller, weaving narratives of heritage, beauty and identity. Drawing inspiration from the luminous Mysuru glass paintings, the divine grandeur of Thanjavur art and the graceful women immortalised by Raja Ravi Varma, you can find a magnificent blueprint for festive adornments that bridge the past with the present.

Mysore glass paintings, celebrated for their jewel-like tones and gilded outlines, embody an opulent refinement that translates seamlessly into jewellery. Deep emeralds, radiant rubies and dazzling sapphires set against rich gold recall the vibrancy of these artworks. A choker necklace with a central gemstone framed by intricate gold detailing captures this essence beautifully, while large ornate earrings can echo the elaborate headpieces that define Mysuru portraits. The emphasis here is on luminous colour and gold artistry - an aesthetic that radiates festive splendour.



Designer: Ritu Kumar
Event: The Luxo Show - Kanpur Edition

Equally resplendent are Thanjavur paintings, renowned for their divine intensity and luxurious embellishments of gold leaf and semi-precious stones. Jewellery inspired by this art form commands attention through its grandeur and volume. Think long, multi-layered necklaces adorned with miniature motifs, broad kemp-studded bangles and intricately-designed pieces that mirror the spiritual symbolism found in Thanjavur compositions. Every ornament becomes a reflection of devotion and majesty, perfect for creating a regal festive appearance.

In contrast, Raja Ravi Varma's paintings are an ode to elegance and restraint. They are depicted in timeless poise, in jewellery that enhances rather than overpowers their beauty. This translates into delicate pearl strings, multi-strand necklaces that drape gracefully, classic gold-finished jhumkas and single statement kadas with subtle detailing. The emphasis is on quiet sophistication - an understated glamour that allows the wearer's natural grace to shine through.

This Dasara, let your adornments do more than sparkle. Let them be a tribute to India's magnificent artistic legacy, carrying forward the stories of canvas and craft into your festive celebrations. By embracing jewellery inspired by Mysuru, Thanjavur and Ravi Varma, you don't just dress for the occasion - you embody Centuries of tradition, artistry and timeless beauty.

Designer: Ritu Kumar
Event: The Luxo Show - Kanpur Edition

# Clutch a pop of colour!

Style **Statement**

Water-resistant handbags in bright colours are ruling the fashion scene this season, says **Prerna Malhotra**

The monsoon season in the city can be unpredictable and refreshing at the same time. While umbrellas and footwear get most of the attention in fashion books, handbags are the underrated styling pieces of the rainy days. A good monsoon handbag is not just about carrying essentials, but also about ensuring they stay dry, secure and stylish.

This season is all about practicality with a good sense of style. Materials like faux leather, nylon, canvas and water-resistant synthetics are ruling the fashion scene. Unlike suede or pure leather that can get damaged easily in damp weather, these alternatives are lightweight, durable and easy to maintain. For a stylish and functional option, many brands now offer transparent PVC handbags that add a playful edge to outfits while keeping contents intentionally visible and rain-proof.

When it comes to size, mid-sized totes and crossbody bags with zip closures work best. They provide enough space without weighing you down during a sudden downpour. Bright pops of colour, such as mustard, teal, and fuchsia, add cheer to otherwise grey, rainy days. The earthy tones are effortlessly good with everyday wear.

Practical details like waterproof lining, multiple compartments and detachable sling straps make all the difference. And for commuters, backpacks in water-repellent finishes are gaining popularity, offering comfort with functionality.

This monsoon, let your handbag be more than an accessory - it should be your weather-ready companion with a personality and the detailing to make a statement.

# Butterfly pea flower chai is back

Cool **Sip**

There's a new flower brewing in teacups across the city, and it's impossible to miss. With its striking sapphire hue and the almost magical way it transforms into a deep violet when a dash of lemon is added, butterfly pea flower tea, better known as blue tea, is once again trending on cafe menus and Instagram feeds.

This delicate drink, made from the petals of the butterfly pea flower, has long been a staple in south-east Asian kitchens and Ayurvedic traditions. Today, it's enjoying a revival thanks to its blend of wellness and whimsy. Packed with antioxidants called anthocyanins, blue tea is celebrated for its calming properties, skin-loving benefits and potential to boost cognitive clarity. It's caffeine-free too, making it a soothing evening ritual or a stylish alternative to your morning latte.

Beyond its health benefits, what makes blue tea truly irresistible is its visual drama. Served iced, it looks like liquid jewels in a glass, add a slice of citrus, and it shifts colours before your eyes - a party trick that never fails to impress.

From cool cafes to artisanal wellness stores, this vibrant brew is making its way into mocktails, lattes and even desserts. Whether you're sipping it to unwind after a hectic day or simply for the aesthetic pleasure, butterfly pea tea is proof that sometimes, wellness can be as beautiful as it is beneficial.

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## MINDFUL DINING

There's more to food this season than taste. It needs to boost your immunity to keep the seasonal infections doing the rounds at bay. It is therefore crucial to ensure you have a balanced diet with the required nutritional value in each meal. Use a food App to monitor what and how much you are consuming daily.

## GO FOR WHOLE FOODS

Avoid processed foods as far as possible. Pick partially processed foods if you don't have a choice. This is the time to consume vegetables, fruits, lean proteins, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds as part of your daily diet. Get yourself a menu of nutrient-rich food that is more satiating.

# Get rid of those under-eye bags

**Shilpi Madan** explains why some people develop bags under the eyes and outlines some remedies

Skin **Care**

You've tried everything from cold tea bags to under-eye serums to agile make-up. But the pillowy bags below your eyes just don't seem to shrink and disappear. Here are a few key learnings about those ungainly bags.

### Gene pool

If eye bags are a common facial noun in your family, then it is likely that you will inherit them. Genetics account for about 70 per cent of under-eye bags, so if your family has them, you're likely predisposed.

But if you are looking at blaming your parents, think again. Lifestyle is crucial as poor sleep and high salt intake can worsen bags even in the young, while good habits help offset genetics. Factors like skin thickness, fat distribution and fluid retention affect severity. Regardless of genetics, aging, sun exposure, allergies and fluid retention eventually contribute, especially in humid climates where environmental stress accelerates these issues.

### Home care

Use raw potato slices, freshly sliced cucumber, or cold tea bags to diffuse the puffiness. Home care is about steady management rather than instant results, but regular routines do help with puffiness.

Some tips:

**Sleep position:** Elevate your head while sleeping and sleep on alternate sides to minimise overnight swelling.

**Cold therapy:** Apply a cold spoon, or a damp cloth to your eyes for 10-15 minutes each morning to reduce fluid build-up.

**Hydration and diet:** Drink water steadily during the day, cut back near bedtime, and limit evening sodium - especially important if you eat salt-rich foods.

**Lymphatic massage:** Gently tap and sweep from the inner corner of your eyes outwards using your ring finger for five minutes twice daily to move excess fluid.

### Dermatological solutions for long-lasting efficacy

Radiofrequency treatment: Tightens skin and boosts collagen. Best for mild to moderate bags, typically requires 3-4 initial sessions with maintenance every 6-8 months. Results are seen over a few months.

Injectable treatments: Hyaluronic acid fillers and boosters smoothen bag-cheek transitions. Only board-certified dermatologists should perform this due to the delicate area. Effects last 8-12 months.

Laser resurfacing (fractional CO2 or erbium): Enhances skin texture and tightness. About 2-3 sessions, 5-7 days of downtime per session, and improvements after three months.

### Super serums

When you are looking at stacking up in your vanity caddy, keep in mind these ingredients.

**Caffeine:** Research indicates that caffeine is an effective ingredient for addressing puffiness. It works by constricting blood vessels and has mild diuretic properties, which can help reduce fluid retention. Concentrations between 0.5-3 per cent are commonly recommended, with results typically noticeable after 4-6 weeks of consistent use in both morning and evening applications.

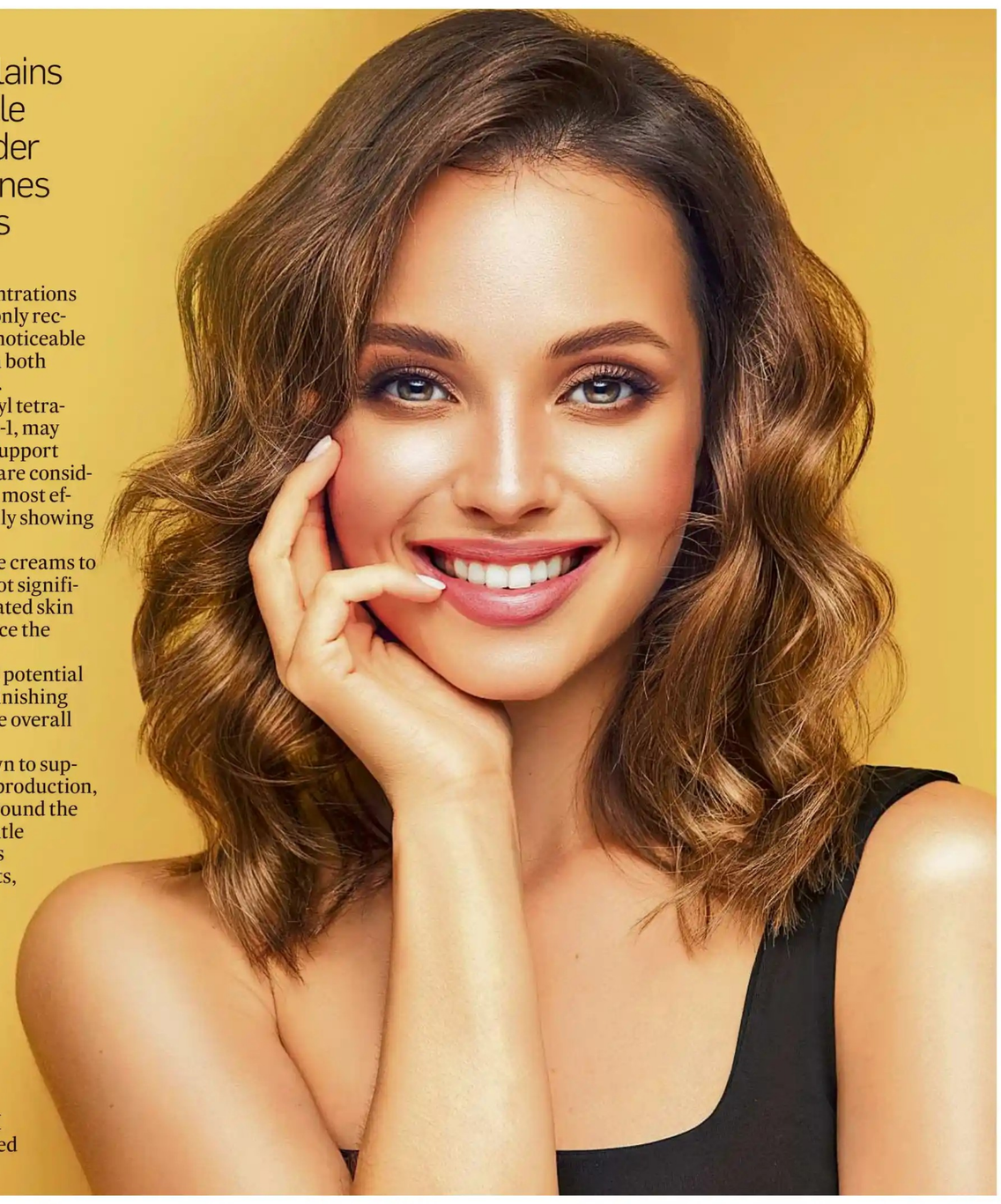
**Peptides:** Peptides, such as acetyl tetrapeptide-5 and palmitoyl tripeptide-1, may promote lymphatic drainage and support capillary walls. These ingredients are considered milder than retinoids and are most effective with long-term use, generally showing improvement within 3-6 months.

**Hyaluronic acid:** It is used in eye creams to improve hydration. While it may not significantly affect structural bags, hydrated skin can appear plumper and help reduce the visibility of fine lines.

**Vitamin K:** It has demonstrated potential for improving circulation and diminishing dark circles, thereby enhancing the overall appearance of the eye area.

**Retinoids:** They have been shown to support skin thickening and collagen production, but should be applied cautiously around the eyes. It is advised to begin with gentle formulations, using them 2-3 times per week initially. Some ingredients, such as plant extracts without active compounds like caffeine and certain peptides lacking published research, have limited evidence supporting their efficacy. Products claiming overnight results are typically not supported by the gradual nature of changes in the eye area.

Supplements including Vitamin C, Omega 3 Fatty Acids, Vitamin K and quercetin can help in prescribed proportions.



Eat **Right**

**More protein daily**

Protein is crucial through these months. It preserves muscle mass if you are on a weight loss regimen. It helps control portion sizes as it keeps you full for a longer time. Take advice from a dietician and arrive at a target for your daily protein intake.

**STAY HYDRATED**

You need to consume water throughout the day and not just a heavy dose after meals. Also, sipping water through the day helps you cut down on need for food in between meals. This in turn helps in your weight loss regimen. Also, water before meals helps cut portion sizes.

**Get enough sleep**

Sleep deprivation has an adverse impact on your health. It is known to increase hunger pangs and craving for high-fat and high-carb foods. Also, skipping meals can lead to overeating later. Take advice from a dietician if you are planning to fast or go on a specific diet to lose weight.

# Fighting fit @ 50!

**Shilpi Madan has some tips to help you stay on top of the game as you get on in years**

Mind **Matters**

You're struggling with sleep issues and weight gain. The hormones are fighting inside your body and in between trying to balance work with family, you are honestly beginning to feel a bit fed up with everything. Take heart. Here is your sanity guide.

### Balance it out

Admit it. You're in the prime decade of your career, making good money. Keep your sights firmly on your health meter too. Make time for a 10-minute meditation in the morning, all by yourself as the rest of the family sleeps. These moments of quiet just clarify your mind, let you tune into your own self and map out your day without any disturbances like doorbells and kids cries. This is pure, distilled me-time. Just like your time spent well in playing a sport, practicing yoga or at the gymnasium.

### Eat well

Maintain a check on consumption of fried foods, processed stuff and sugary eats. Else bring in a mix of carbs and proteins, leans and salads, pre- and probiotics and enough fluids to keep your energy levels going through out the day.

Outsource the cooking – it lifts the stress of your shoulders. Get in the help to staff out the chores. You cannot be present everywhere all the time.

### Stay connected

Make time to cue into with friends and family. Return calls you missed during the course of the day while on your way home from work. Be part of WhatsApp groups in your society. Mark out reminders on special days to wish others. It's a good feeling to be remembered on your special days as well. If you make the effort for others, the rewards come tumbling in for you too.

Sometimes doing the unthinkable, works beautifully - like meeting up with friends for a quick lunch on a weekday or going to attend a puja taking half day off or shopping at the airport.

### Stay in touch

It's fine if you don't have time to volunteer at an NGO. Spend time with your furries if you have pets. Laugh and play with children. Water plants. Feed fish, talk to your micro greens, read a book, listen to a new song, watch a movie, write a poem, mentor someone, cook up something you wanted to try out in the kitchen, rearrange your home spaces... these are little ways that enrich you in more ways than one. They keep you going, comforting and energising you at the same time.

### Sleep well

Sure, the power of manifestation and gratitude is over-rated according to many. You needn't maintain journals, but say a silent thank you for all your blessings before you call it a day. A quiet reflection of the day's run, a moment of introspection and a tiny tuck-in conversation with the little people at home helps you set the tempo for the following day.

## NANDHANA PALACE AT HOSKOTE

Nandhana Palace launched its 28th branch in Bengaluru. This new branch at Hoskote was inaugurated by Sharath Kumar Bachegowda, MLA, on September 5.

# Scent of freshness

**Shilpi Madan has six super easy ways to a fragrant freshness every moment of your jam-packed day**

So, you've been watching reels on how frequent showers rob your skin of its moisture or how growing old intensifies your body odour. Relax. Cue into these easy ways to stay smelling super and fresh every day, all day long.

### Pour in

Drops of fragrant bath salts in your bathtub or bucket, a little pour of essential oils including lemon grass or sandalwood, or even rose water works its little magic in leaving your skin fragrant after your daily bath.

### Layer up

When you invest in a fragrance, invest in the trio of the same fragrance-based body wash and body moisturiser. Apply the lotion after your cold shower when your skin is slightly moist to allow the scent to seep into your pores for a subtle touch the entire today. Follow up with the spritz of scent.

### Oral care

Instead of a mouthwash or a chewing gum, take to chewing fresh mint or tulsi leaf, or a clove and cardamom, for a breath of fresh air. You can perform the final rinse after brushing your molars with a dot of mint oil mixed in water.

### Comforting scent

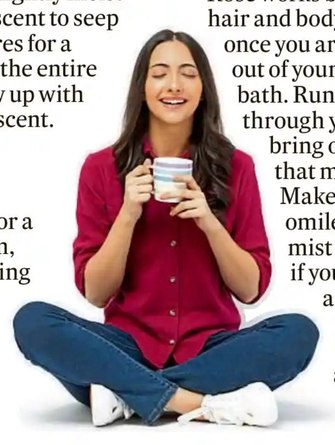
When you run the machine load, pour in a cap full of fabric softener in a fresh format like lemon or lavender. It leaves the bedsheets and pillowcases with a breath of freshness. When you wake up in the morning and slip out of the bed, your skin remembers the fragrance.

### Night routine

Apply a few drops of ittar mixed with jojoba or argan oil on your soles and ankles, wrists and behind your ears. It creates a beautiful aura around you, quiet and elegant. Like a beautiful whiff.

### Misty touch

Rose works beautifully in a hair and body mist. Spray on once you are ready to step out of your room after the bath. Run your fingers through your hair as you bring on the spray for that magnetic vibe. Make use of a chamomile or rose face mist too especially if you tend to sweat a lot, as it makes your skin feel fresh and radiant all day and exude a fragrant vibe.



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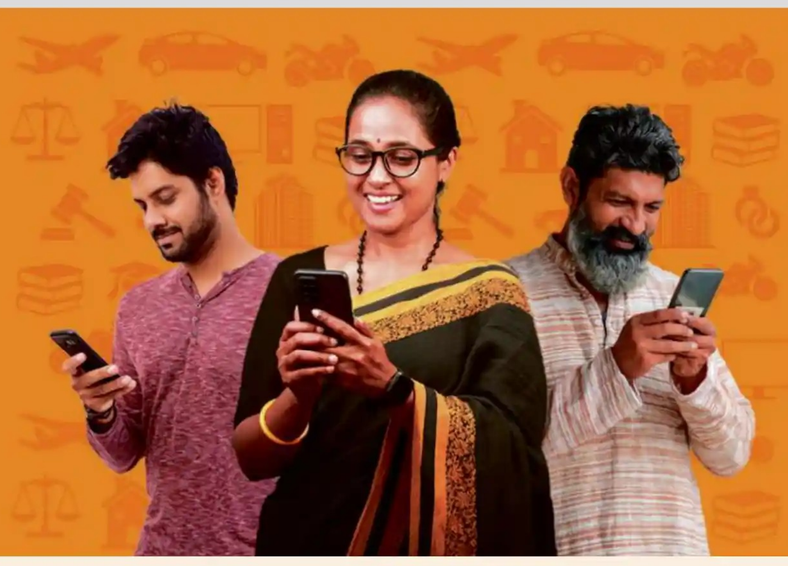

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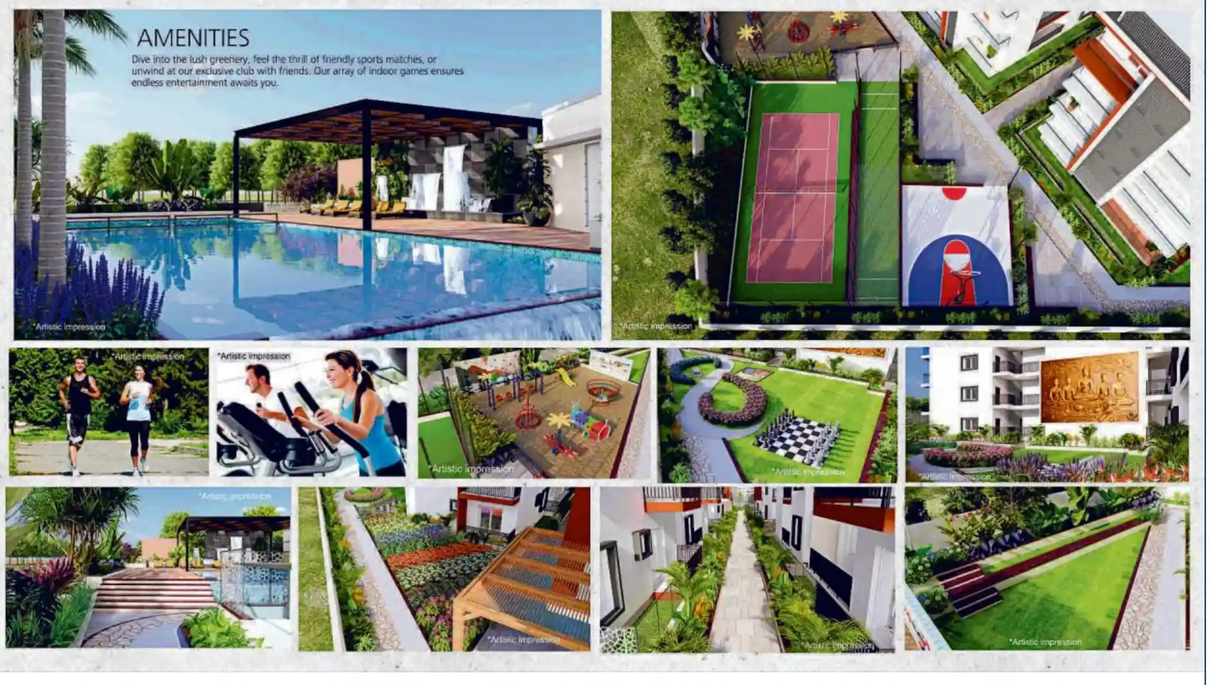
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